Anno primo & ſecundo Philippi & Marie.

Acts made at a Par-

liament begun and holden at Weſt-

minſter the eleuenth day of Nouember, in the firſt and ſecond yere of the raigne of our Soueraigne Lorde & Ladye Philip and Mary, by the grace of God Kyng and Queene of Englande, Fraunce, Naples, Hieruſalem, and Irelande, defenders of the fayth, Princes of Spaine, & Scicile, Archdukes of Auſtria, Dukes of Millaine, Burgundie & Brabant, Counties of Hauſpurge, Flaunders & Tyrol: And there continued and kept, vntyll the diſſolution of the ſame, being the .xvi. day of Januarie then next enſuyng, were enacted as followeth.

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The first Chapter.

WHERE in the Parliament begun and holden at Westminster, the seconde day of Aprill, in the fyrste yere of the raigne of our moste dread and gratious Soueraigne Ladye the Queenes Maiestie, and there continued and kept tyll the dissolution of the same, being the fifth day of May then next folowyng, one Acte was made touching ye articles of her highnes most noble mariage, in ye which Acte amongest other thinges it was enacted, ordred, & established by the aucthority of the said parliament, that al and singuler giftes, grauntes, letters patents, exchanges, confirmations, leasses, and other writings, which after ye saide mariage, and during the same, should passe and be made, of any benefices, offices, landes, reuenues, and fruites, or of any of them, should be entituled and made in the names of our Soueraigne Lorde the kyng, and of her most excellent highnes, whether her Maistie should be present within the realmes and dominions of her highnes, or within any of them, or absent. And that the same giftes, grauntes, letters patents, eschanges, confirmations, leasses, & other writings, soset forth & made, should be sealed, and firmed with the signe manuel of her hyghnesse: and the same so signed, & sealed with the great seale of this realme, or with such seale as hath ben accustomed, shoulde be by aucthoritie of the said Parliament, demed, adiudged, declared, & pronounced, to be as good, perfect, and of like force, strength, and effect in the lawe, to al intentes, constructions and purposes, against our sayd Soueraigne Lord and Lady, the king & the Queenes Maiesties, and her highnes heires and successours, as if her Maiestie had been at the time of the makyng therof sole & vnmaried: and that al giftes, grauntes, letters patentes, eschanges, confirmations, leasses & other writings, which after the saide mariage, and during the time of the same, should passe and be made of the said benefices, offices, landes, reuenues, & fruites, or of any of them, wherunto the signe manuel of her highnes should not be set, made, or put, shalbe by aucthoritie of the sayd parliament

from time to time, demed, adiudged, accepted, taken, and decreed, to be of no force ne effect, but vtterly frustrate and voyde in the lawe, to all intents, constructions, and purposes, the said mariage, or any lawe, vsage, or custome to the contrary, in any wyse not withstanding, as the sayde acte more at large doth appeare.

Sithence the making of which statute, and the solemnization of the said mariage, ỹ Queenes most excellent maiestie hath ben greatly molested, greued, & troubled with often signyng of letters patents, giftes, grauntes, eschaunges, lealles, & other writinges, concerning and touching benefices, offices, landes, reuenues, and fruites, made and graunted by, and from our said soueraigne lord the kyng and her highnes, to sundry of their most louing subiects, to whom also it hath ben, and is, no small charge to attend, vntyll such tyme as they may procure and obtaine the signe manuel of her highnes, vnto their said letters patentes, giftes, grauntes, eschaunges, confirmations, & leases, without which signe the same are vtterly void by force of the said statute, to the great daunger, losse, and vtter vndoyng of diuers persons, that haue lately bought, purchased or obteined of our said soueraigne Lord & Lady the kyng and Queenes maiesties, diuers landes, tenementes, and other hereditamẽts, to their great costes & charges.

For remedy whereof, be it enacted by the aucthoritie of this present parliament, that the saide braunch or article touchyng or concerning only the signing of letters patents, gifts, graunts, eschanges, confirmations, lealles, or of other writings, for any lands, benefices, offices, reuenues, fruites, or other hereditamentes, shall be from henceforth clerely repelled and made furstrate & voide, to al intentes & purposes.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that all and singuler letters patentes, touchyng or concernyng any gyft, graunt, eschaunge, confirmation, lealle, or other wrytyng, the whiche sythence the sayd mariage hath passed, and ben made of any benefices, offices, manours, landes, tenementes, reuenues, fruites, liberties or other hereditamentes, or of any of them, in the names of our moste dread Soueraigne Lorde and Ladye, the Kyng and the Queenes Maiesties (the warraunt or wrytyng, or warrants or writynges wherof beyng signed with her highnes signe manual, in such fourme, order, and degree, as the same heretofore haue ben accustomed to be signed, when her highnes was sole and vnmaryed) shalbe by auctoritie of this present parliament, of the same like force, strength and effecte in the lawe, to al intentes, constructions, and purposes, as yf the same were or had ben signed by her highnes signe manuel, and as if her maiestie had ben at the time of the makyng thereof sole and vnmaried, and as they were before the makyng of the sayde Acte: The sayd statute, or any braunch, or article therein conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse not withstandyng.

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An Acte for the reformation of exceſſe in apparell.

The ſeconde Chapter.

BE it enacted by thauctoritie of this preſent parliamẽt, that no perſon borne within this realme, or the dominions of the ſame, other then the ſon and heire apparaunt of a knight, or other then ſuch as may diſpende xx. li. by the yere in landes, offices, fees, or other yereliye reuenues for terme of life, or be wooꝛth in goodes two. C. li. ſhall after the firſt day of Apꝛill next commyng, weare any maner of ſilke, in, or vpon his hat, bonet, nightcap, gyrdle, ſcabbarde, hoſe, ſhoes, or ſpurre leathers, vpon payne of three monethes impriſonment, and forfeyture of .x. li. for euery dayes wearing contrary to the tenor of this acte.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoꝛitie afoꝛeſayde, that Juſtices of Aſſiſes in theyr circuites, Juſtices of peace in theyr ſeſſions, Sheriffes in theyr turnes, Stewardes in letes and lawe dayes, Maiors, Sheriffes, and Bailiffes of cities, Boroughes, and Townes coꝛporate in theyr courtes, ſhall and may enquire, heare and determine from time to time, all and euery the ſayd offences, committed or done within the limittes of theyr ſeuerall iuriſdictions and aucthoꝛities: and where any ſuch forfeitures ſhall happen to be founde within the precincte of any Citie, Boroughe, Towne coꝛporate, lete or lawe day, then the Maior, Sheriffe, & Bailiffes of the ſaid Cities, Boroughes, & townes, and owner of the ſayde lete or lawe daye, to haue the one moytie of the ſayd forfeytures, and the other moytie to be to any ſubiecte of this realme that wyll ſue for the ſame, in any courte of recoꝛd, by action, information, byll, or other wiſe, in which no wager of law, protection, or eſſoigne ſhalbe allowed. And where ſuche forfeyture ſhalbe founde out of any citie, boroughe, towne, lete or lawe day, that the moitie of al ſuch forfeytures ſhalbe to the king and queenes Maieſties, and the heyres of the Queene, and thother moitie thereof to any of their ſubiectes that wyll ſue for the ſame, by byl, playnt, action, information, or other wiſe, in any court of recoꝛde as is afoꝛeſayde, in which no wager of lawe, protection, or eſſoigne, ſhalbe admitted or alowed. And that al and euery ſuch perſon and perſons, as haue aucthoꝛitie by vertue of this acte, to heare and determine the primiſſes, may vpon the conuiction of euery ſuch offender, awarde proces vnto the Sheriffe of any Shire within this realme, for the apprehenſion of the ſayd offender, which beyng apprehended, ſhalbe committed by the Sheriffe vnto the gaole of the ſayde Sheriffe, there to remayne without bayle or mayneprpriſe, vntyll the ſayde offendour hath payde the forfeyture wherein he is ſo conuicted.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons, of what estate, condition, or degree soeuer he or they be, after the sayd first day of Aprill next commyng, knowyng any seruaunt or seruauntes of his or theyrs to offend contrary to this acte, do not put the same out of his or theyr seruice, but shall kepe in his or theyr seruice the same offendour or offendours by the space of. xiiii. dayes next after such knowledge had, or els beyng so put out of his or theyr seruice, shall retayne the same offendour or offendous to his or their seruice againe, within one yere next ensuing the time committing of any such offence, the same person or persons, so kepyng or retrining againe in or to his or theyr seruice, any such seruant or seruauntes offending contrary to the tenor of this acte, as is aforesayde, shall for euery his or their offence forfeit. C. li. of lawful money of England, the moitie whereof to be to the kyng and Queenes maiesties vse, and the heires and successours of the Queene, and the other moitie to him that wyll sue for the same, in any court of recorde, by action, byll, plaint, information, or otherwise, wherin no wager of lawe, essoigne, or protection shalbe admitted or allowed.

Prouided alwaye and be enacted, that this acte or anye thyng therin conteyned, shall not extende to any person beyng of or aboue the degree of a knightes sonne or doughter, or beyng wyfe to anye of them, nor to such as haue ben, be, or shalbe Maior, Bayliffe, Alderman or head officer in any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, or to the wyfe of any of them, nor to any of the kinges or queenes seruauntes in ordinarie wages, attendaunt, and wearyng the Kinges or Queenes ordinary liueries, but that they and euery of them, may vse and weare, as they or any of them myght lawfully vse and weare before the makyng of this acte.

Prouided also, that no person shalbe compelled by this acte, to put away his prentice or hyred seruaunt before thende of the terme before agreed betwene them, nor that any maister shal forfayte or lose any payne or forfeiture for the keping of his prentice or hired seruant after his offence, contrary to this act, vnto thende of the terme before agreed betweene them: any thyng abouesayde to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that women may weare in theyr cappes, hattes, girdles, and hoodes, as they or any of them might vse and weare lawefully before the makyng of this acte.

An Acte agaynst seditious wordes and rumours.

The Thirde Chapter.

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Where it is conteyned aswell in ỹ Statute of Westm. the first, as in the statute made at Glocester ỹ second yere of the raigne of king Richarde the second, that no man should be so hardy to contriue, speake, or tel any false newes, lyes, or other such like false thinges of Prelates, Dukes, Earles, Barons, and other nobles and Peeres of this realme, or of the Chauncellour, Treasurer, clarke of the priuie seale, Steward of the kinges houshold, Justices of the one bancke or of thother, or of any of the great officres of this realme, and that euery such offender shoulde be taken and imprisoned vntyll suche tyme as he had brought hym or them forth whiche dyd speake the same. And where also at a parliament holden at Cambridge in the. xii. yere of the raigne of the sayde kyng Richarde, it was also enacted, that where any such offender, as is aforesayde, shoulde be taken and imprisoned, and could not fynde him of whom he heard thole newes which he spake, as is aforesayde, then that the same speaker should be punished by the aduise of the counsell, as by the same actes amongst other more playnely do and may appeare.

Be it enacted by the aucthoritie of this present parliament, that all and euery the sayde former actes and statutes, shal be and remayne in their full force, strength and effecte, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes. And further that Justices of peace in euery Shyre, Citie, and towne corporate, within the limittes of their seueral commissions, shal by aucthoritie of this present act, haue full power to examine, heare, and determine the causes aboue sayde, in the sayde two fyrst actes specified, and to put the sayde two fyrst statutes, and euery braunche in them conteyned, in due execution, that from henceforth condigne punishment be not deferred from such offenders.

And forasmuche as diuers and sundry malitious and euyl disposed persons, malitiously, seditiously, rebelliously, and vnnaturally, contrary to the duetie of their fidelities and allegiaunces, haue now of late not onely imagined, inuented, practised, spoken and spread abroade diuers and sundry false, seditious, and slaunderous newes, rumors, sayinges, and tales, agaynst our moste dread Soueraigne Lorde and king, and agaynst our moste naturall Soueraigne Ladye and queene, and agaynst eyther of them, of whom we are forbidden to thinke euyll, and much more to speake euyll, whiche offence soundeth and is aswel to the great dishonour, reproche and slaunder of their most excellent maiesties, as also to the great slaunder of this their realme, and other their dominions, but also haue deuised, made, written, printed, published, and set forth diuers heynous, seditious, and slaunderous writynges, rymes, ballades, letters, papers, and bookes, intending and practising therby to moue and styre seditious discorde, discention, and rebellion within this realme, to the greate

perill and daunger of the ſame. For auoyding whereof, be it enacted by thauctho*r*itie of this p*re*ſent parliament, that yf any perſon o*r* perſons, after the .xx. day of Febr*u*ary next enſuyng, and after open p*ro*clamation made of this act, ſhal malitiouſly, of his o*r* they*r* imagination, ſpeake any falſe, ſeditious, and ſlaunderous newes, rumours, ſayinges, o*r* tales of our ſaid ſoueraigne lo*r*d and king, o*r* of our ſayde moſt naturall ſoueraigne lady and queene, that then all and euery ſuche perſon and perſons ſo offendyng, beyng therof conuicted o*r* attainted, in fo*r*me hereafter in this acte exp*re*ſſed, ſhal fo*r* euery fyrſt offence, in ſome market place within the shyre, citie, o*r* bo*r*ough, where o*r* neere vnto the place where the ſayde wo*r*des were o*r* ſhalbe ſo ſpoken, be ſet openly vpon the pillo*r*y, by the Sheriffe o*r* his miniſters, if it ſhall fo*r*tune to be without any citie o*r* towne co*r*po*r*ate. And yf it happen to be within ſuch citie o*r* towne co*r*po*r*ate, then by the p*r*incipall officer o*r* officers of ſuch citie o*r* towne co*r*po*r*ate, o*r* his o*r* they*r* miniſters, and there to haue both his eares cutte of, vnleſſe he paye one hundreth poundes to the king and queenes highneſſe vſe, within one moneth next after iudgement geuen of his ſayde offence, and alſo ſhall ſuffer imp*r*iſonment by the ſpace of thr*e*e monethes after ſuch his o*r* they*r* execution.

And it is lyke wyſe enacted by thauctho*r*itie afo*r*eſaide, that all and euery perſon and perſons, which after the ſayde day, and after p*ro*clamation made of this acte, ſhall malitiouſly ſpeake any falſe, ſeditious and ſlaunderous newes, rumours, o*r* tales, to the ſlaunder and rep*r*oche of our ſayde Soueraigne Lo*r*de the Kyng, o*r* of our ſayde moſt naturall Soueraigne Lady the Queene, of the ſpeakyng o*r* rep*o*rtyng of any other, that then all and euery ſuche perſon o*r* perſons ſo ſpeakyng and rep*o*rtyng, beyng thereof conuict o*r* attaynted, in fo*r*me hereafter in this acte exp*re*ſſed, ſhall fo*r* euery ſuch offence in ſome market place, within the shyre, citie, bo*r*ough, o*r* towne, where o*r* neere vnto the place where the ſayde wo*r*des were o*r* ſhalbe ſo ſpoken and rep*o*rted, be ſet openly vpon the pillorie by the Sheriffe o*r* his miniſters, if it ſhal fo*r*tune to be without any citie o*r* towne co*r*po*r*at: and yf it ſhall happen to be within any citie o*r* towne co*r*po*r*ate, then by the p*r*incipal officer o*r* officers of ſuch citie o*r* towne co*r*po*r*at, o*r* his o*r* they*r* miniſters, and there to haue one of his eares cut of, vnleſſe he pay one. C. markes to the kinge and queenes highnes vſe, within one moneth next after iudgment geuen of his ſaide offence, and alſo ſhall ſuffer imp*r*iſonment by the ſpace of one moneth after his o*r* they*r* execution.

And be it further enacted by auctho*r*itie afo*r*eſayde, that yf anye perſon o*r* perſons ſhall after the ſayde daye, and after p*ro*clamation made as is afo*r*eſayd, malitiouſly deuiſe, write, p*r*int, o*r* ſet fo*r*th anye maner of booke, ryme, ballade, letter, o*r* wo*r*kyng, conteynyng any

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fallo mate rial is or sentence of slaunder, or reproch, and dishonour of the king and quenes maiesties, or of either of them, or to the enco-raging, abetting or mouyng of any insurrection or rebellion within this realme, or any dominions belonging to the same. Or whoso-euer shall deuise or procure any such booke, ryme, ballade, letter, or writyng in derogation, preiudice or derogation of the said offence not being punishable by the Statute made in the xxv. yere of the raigne of king Edward the third, concerning treasons, or declaration of trea-son) that euery such offender and offenders therein, his or their abettors, counsailers or attayned, shall for his or their first offence, in some market place within the shyre, citie, or borough, where the said offence is or shall be committed or done, by the sheriffe or his ministers, as it shall fortune to be within any citie or towne corpo-rate, and if within such citie or towne corporate, then by the princi-pall officer or officers of such citie or towne corporate, or by his or their ministers, haue his or their right hande stricken of.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons, being once lawfully conuicted of any of the offences aforesayde, nowe prounded to be punished by the execution of losse of eares or of lande, as is aforesayd, hereafterwardes offende in any other offences aforesayde, that then he or they so offendyng, shall suffer imprisonment during his or their liues, without bayle or mainprise, and forfeite and lose to the king and quenes maiesties all his or their goodes and catelles.

And be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that all Iustices of oyer and determiner, within the limits of their commission, Iustices of assise in their seuerall circuites, Iustices of gaole deliuery, and Iu-stices of peace, as well within the libe[illegible] as without, within the li-mits of their seueral commissions, in their general sessions, or other sessions, which they, or two of them, whereof one of them to be of the Quorum, may and shall appoynt at their pleasure, where and when nede shal require, shal by vertue hereof, haue ful power and auctho-ritie to enquire, heare and determine, all and euery the offences afore-said, as in cases and trial of felonye. And that the party indicted and arrained, shall haue aduauntage of al maner of chalenges to the Iu-ry (peremptory chalenge onely except) as in tryall of felonye.

And also that euery Iustice of peace within the limits of his com-mission, shall haue ful power and auctoritie to commit any person, being behemently suspected of any of the said offences, to ward, there to remayne without bayle or mainprise, vntyll he shalbe deliuered accordyng to this acte.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that no maner of person or persons shalbe molested, or impeached for any of the offences, concerning speakyng or reporting, as is aforesaid,

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unlesse he or they be thereof accused and conuicted within three monethes next after his or their offence so committed or done.

And in case any person shalbe imprisoned for any of the saide offences concerning speaking or reporting, and not thereof conuict within three monethes next after the offense supposed to be by hym done and committed, that then the person so imprisoned, shalbe sepat libertie, and no longer deteyned in prison.

Prouided also, & be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that euery suche Maior, Maiors, Baylifies, and other head officer and officers, of cities, borowes, & townes corporate, which haue, or hereafter shal haue iurisdiction and auctoritie, within the seuerall limits of theyr office & offices, to holde & kepe sessions, as iustice or iustices of ye peace, shall & may by auctoritie hereof, aswel arrest and commit to warde, all and euery person and persons being vehemently suspected of any of the offences aforesaide: as also to procede to the execution, hearyng and determining of euery of the sayde offences, and to see, and make due execution therof, according to the purport, meaning, and effect of this present acte: any thyng in the same acte heretofore made to the contrary not withstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that the sayd Justice of peace, aswell within liberties as without, the which shal, for any the offences aforesayde, commit any person or persons to warde, as is aforesayd, shal within ten dayes next after such committing, with one other iustice, whereof one of them to be of the Quorum, directe their precept to the Sheriffe or Sheriffes of the countie where thoffence shalbe committed, or to other ordinarie officer, yf it be within any citie or townne corporate, where the Sheriffe can not intromit: commaundyng hym or them by the same impanell, and retourne, as they shal assigne. xxiiii. good and lawful men of his or their bayliwike, or bayliwikes, to enquire of the sayde offence or offences, the whiche any suche person or persons shalbe so imprsoned for: And thereupon, within one moneth after the date of the sayd precept, to proceede and determine, as aboue is expressed: euery one of the same Justices, vpon payne of. x. li. to be payde to the kyng and Queenes hyghnesses, as often as they shalbe founden in default of any of the same.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, that this acte shalbe proclaymed in all the shyres within this Realme, before the. xii. day of Februarie next commyng, to thintent that all persons may haue notice therof, and auoyde the perill and daunger that myght ensue by offendyng agaynst the same. And this acte to be only in force, vntyll the ende of the next parliament, and no longer.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that none of the peares of this realme shalbe arrested or imprisoned for any of the sayd offences, but onely by order or commaundement

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geuen from the King and Queenes priuie counsayle, or of the heyres of the Queene, and that the sayd peeres, and euery of them, that shal hereafter fortune to be indicted of any thoffences aforesayde, shall be tryed by theyr peeres, as before hath ben accustomed in cases of treason or felony.

¶ An Acte for the punishment of certaine persons, calling them selues Egyptians.

¶ The.iiii.Chapter.

WHere in a parliament holden at Westminster in the.xxii. yere of the raigne of our late Soueraigne Lorde Kyng Henry the eyght (for the auoiding and banishing out of this realme of certaine outlandishe people, calling them selues Egyptians, vsing no craft nor feate of marchaundises for to liue by, but going from place to place in great companies, vsing great, suttle, and craftye meanes to deceaue the kynges Subiectes, bearing them in hand, that they by palmistry coulde tell mens and womens fortune: and so many tymes by craft and subtiltie disceiue the people of theyr money, and commyt diuers great and heynous fellonyes and robberies, to the great hurt and disceit of the people:) It was amongest other thinges then enacted, that from the time of the making of the saide Acte, no suche personnes shoulde be suffered to come within this the kinges realme, vppon payne of forfeyture to the kyng al their goodes and cattels, and them to be commaunded to auoyde the realme within.xv. dayes next after the commaundement, vpon paine of imprisonment: And such persons calling them selues Egyptians, as then were within this realme, shoulde depart within.xvi. dayes next after proclamation of the sayde Acte, vpon payne of imprisonment and forfeyture of all their goodes and cattels, with diuers other clauses and articles conteyned in the sayde act, as by the said act more at large it appeareth. Forasmuch as diuers of the sayd company, and such other like persons, not fearing the penaltie of the sayde statute, haue enterprised to come ouer agayne into this realme, vsyng theyr olde accustomed dyuelishe and naughtye practises and deuises, with such abominable liuinges as is not in any Christian realme to be permitted, named, or kno wen, and be not duely punyshed for the same, to the perelous and euyl trample of our soueraigne Lord and Lady the king and the Queenes Maiesties most louing subiectes, and to the vtter and extreme vndoing of diuers and many of them, as euidently doth appeare.

For reformation whereof, be it ordeyned and enacted by the Kyng and Queene our soueraigne Lorde and Lady, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by thauctoritie of the same, that yf any person or persons, after the

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laſte day of Januarie next comming, do willingly tranſporte, bring, & conuey into this Realme of Englande or Wales, any ſuch perſons, callyng them ſelues, or commonly called Egyptians: that then he or they ſo tranſporting, bringing, or conueying in any ſuche perſons, contrary to the true meanyng of this Acte, ſhall forfeyte and loſe for euery tyme ſo offendyng. xl. poundes of lawfull money of Englande.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforeſayde, that yf anye of the ſayde perſons called Egyptians, which ſhalbe tranſported and conueyed into this Realme of England or Wales, as is aforeſaide, do continue and remayne within the ſame by the ſpace of one moneth: that then he or they ſo offending, ſhall by vertue of this Acte be demed and iudged a fellon and fellons, and ſhall therefore ſuffer paynes of death, loſſe of landes and goodes, as in caſes of felonie by the order of the common lawe of this Realme, and ſhall vppon the tryall of them, or any of them therin ſo tried, in the countie, and by thinhabitauntes of the countie or place where they or he ſhalbe apprehended or taken, & not Per medietatem linguæ, and ſhal loſe the benefite and priuiledge of ſanctuarie and clergie.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforeſayde, that yf the Egyptians, or other perſons commonly calling them ſelues Egyptians, and euery of them, now being within this Realme of England or Wales, do not depart out of the ſame within. xx. dayes next after proclamation of this preſent Acte ſhall be made: that then he or they which ſhall not depart within the ſayde time, according to the true meaning of this acte, ſhall forfaite and loſe all his and their goodes and cattels: and that then it ſhalbe lawfull to al and euery the kinges and the Queenes ſubiectes to ſeaſe the ſame: thone moitie thereof to be to the vſe of our ſoueraigne lord and lady the king & the Queene, and thother moitie thereof to be to the vſe of him or them that ſhall ſo ſeaſe the ſame.

And be it alſo enacted by thauctoritie aforeſayde, that yf the Egyptians, and other perſons commonly called Egyptians, and euery of them, nowe being within this Realme of England or Wales, do not depart out and from the ſame, within. xl. dayes next after the proclamation ſhalbe made of this acte, that then he or they which ſhall not depart and auoyde within the ſaid time of. xl. dayes, according to the true meaning of this act, ſhalbe iudged and deemed according to the lawes of this realme of England a fellon and fellons, and ſhal ſuffer therefore paines of death, loſſe of landes and goodes as in other caſes of felonie, as ſhalbe tryed as is aforeſayde, and without hauing anye benefite or priuiledge of ſanctuarie and clergie.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforeſayd, that yf anye perſon after the firſt day of Januarie next comming, ſhal ſue for the obteyning of any licence, letter, or paſporte for anye of the ſaide per-

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ſons called Egyptians, to abyde or continue within this Realme of England or Wales, contrary to the tenor of this acte, that then euery ſuch perſon ſo liuing, ſhal forfeite and loſe for the ſame .xl. poundes, of lawfull money of Englande: and that euery ſuche licence, letter, and paſporte, ſhalbe by vertue of this acte voyde to all intentes and purpoſes: the one moytie of all whiche ſummes of money to be forfeyted as is beforeſayde, ſhalbe to the Kyng and Queene our Soueraigne Lorde and Ladie, and the other moytie therof to be to hym or them that wyll ſue for the ſame, in any court of recorde, by action of debt, byll, plaint, or information, wherein anye eſſoigne, waget of lawe, nor protection, ſhalbe admitted and alowed.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforeſayde, that this preſent acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned, ſhall not extende nor be hurtful to any of the ſayde perſons commonly called Egyptians, whiche within the ſayde tearme of twentie dayes next after the ſayde proclamation to be made, as is beforeſayde, ſhall leaue that noughtie, idle, and vngodly lyfe and company, and be placed in the ſeruice of ſome honeſt and hable inhabitaunt or inhabitantes, within this realme, or that ſhall honeſtlye exerciſe hym ſelfe in ſome lawful worke or occupation: but that he or they ſo continuing in ſeruice, or other lawful worke or occupation, ſhal (duryng ſuch tyme as he or they ſhal ſo continue) be diſcharged of al paines and forfeytures conteyned in this acte.

Prouided alſo, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayd, that this acte ſhall not in any wyſe extende to any chylde or chyldren, being not aboue the age of thyrteene yeeres, nor to any of the ſayde perſons being nowe in priſon, ſo that he or they ſo beyng in priſon, doo departe out of this realme within fourteene dayes nexte after his or their deliuerie out of priſon, nor ſhal extende to charge any maner of perſon or perſons, as acceſſary to any offence or offences, conteyned or ſpecified in this eſtatute.

An acte to reſtrayne carying of corne, victualles, and wood, ouer the ſea.

The.v. Chapter.

WHere as ſundrye good eſtatutes and lawes hath been made within this realme in the time of the Queenes highneſſe moſt noble progenitours, that none ſhould tranſport, cary, or conuey out of this realme into any place in the parties beyond the ſeas, any corne, butter, cheeſe, or other victuall (except only for the vittaling of the Towne of Callis, Hammes, & Guyſnes, & the marches of the

ſame) vpon dyuers great paynes and forfeytures in the ſame contayned, that notwithſtandyng many and ſundrye couetous and inſatiable perſons, ſeekyng their only lucres and gaynes, hath, and daylye doth carry & conuey innumerable quantitie, as well of corne, cheeſe, butter, and other victual, as of wood, out of this realme, into the parties beyond the ſeas: by reaſon whereof, the ſayd corne, victual, and wood, are growen into a woonderful dearth, and extreme prices, to the great detriment of the common wealth of this your hyghneſſe realme, and your faythful ſubiectes of the ſame.

For remedie whereof, it may pleaſe your hyghneſſe that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your highneſſe, by thaſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, & the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by thaucthoritie of the ſame, that no maner of perſon or perſons, after the .xx. day of January next commyng, ſhall carry & tranſporte out of this realme by any Shyp, Crayer, or other veſſell whatſoeuer, into any place in the parties beyond the ſeas, or into the realme of Scotland, any wheat, rye, barlie, or other corne, or grayne, growing within this realme, or any mault made within the ſame, or any beere, butter, cheeſe, herryng, or wood, except only to and for the victualling and furniture of the townes of Callis, Hammes, & Guiſnes, and to the towne of Barwicke, & the marches of the ſame, without ſufficient and lawful auctheritie ſo to doo, vpon the paynes & penalties hereafter enſuing: that is to ſay, the owner and owners of the ſayde Shyppes & other veſſels, to forfeite the ſayde Shyps, Crayers, and other veſſels, with all their apparels to them and euery of them belonging, wherin the ſayde corne, butter, cheeſe, herryng, victual, or wood, ſhalbe ſo tranſported and carryed, and the owners and owner of the ſayde corne, butter, cheeſe, herryng, & wood, to forfeyte the double value of the ſame ſo carryed and conueyed, and the maiſter and mariners of euery of the ſayd Shyppes, Crayers, and veſſels, for euery ſuche offence, to forfeyte all their goodes, and to be impriſoned by the ſpace of one whole yeere, without bayle or maynepryſe.

And be it further enacted by the auctheritie aforeſaide, that yf any perſons or perſons, after the ſayde .xx. day of January, doo carry and conuey awaye by Bote, Crayer, or other veſſell, or otherwyſe, anye wheate, rye, barlie, mault, or other corne, or graine, or any beere, butter, cheeſe, herryng, or wood, to any Shyppe or veſſell beyng on the ſeas, or within any Hauen, Creke, or other place of the border of this realme, to be tranſported, carried, and conueyed into any place in the parties beyonde the ſeas, or into the realme of Scotlande, without ſufficient auctheritie ſo to doo: that then euery owner of the ſaid victuals, corne, and other thynges aboueſayde, ſo tranſported or carryed, and the owner and owners of euery ſuch Bote or veſſell, & the Botemen and Mariners of the ſame, ſhall looſe, forfeyte, and ſuffer all

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ſuch forfeytures, paynes, and penalties, as is aboue rehearſed, thone moytie of all and euery whiche forfeyture or forfeytures, to be to the kyng and Queenes hyghneſſe, their heires and ſucceſſours, and the other moytie to hym or them that wyll ſue for the ſame, by byll, information, action of debte, or otherwyſe, in any of the kyng & Queenes hyghneſſe courtes of record, in whiche action, byl, or ſuite, the defendant ſhal not wage his lawe, nor haue any eſſoigne or protection to hym alowed.

And be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that yf any perſon or perſons, that obteine of the kyng & queenes Maieſties, their heires or ſucceſſours, or any of them, any licence, to carrie and tranſporte any corne, victual, or wood, into any parties beyonde the ſeas, that if he or they, to whom any ſuch licence ſhalbe graunted, or any other, to whom ſuche perſon or perſons, hauyng ſuche licence, ſhall geue, graunt, or ſel his or their ſayde licence vnto, ſhall carry, or conuey, or cauſe to be caryed, or conueted, any more corne, victual, or wood, then ſhalbe conteyned in his or their ſayde licence, ſhal forfeyte the trebie value of the ſayde corne, victual, or wood, ſo carryed and tranſported, without ſufficient auctheritie, and ſhall ſuffer imprſonment for one whole yeere in the common gaole, where he ſhalbe apprehended, there to remayne without any bayle or mayne prpſe.

And be it further enacted by the auctheritie aforeſayde, that no maner of perſon or perſons, after the ſayde twentie day of Januarie, that ſhal obteyne, or haue any ſuche licence for tranſporting and carrying any corne, victual, or wood, into any parties beyond the ſeas, ſhall ſhyp, lade, and fraught the ſame, or any part thereof, at ſundrye places within this realme, but at one place certayne, vpon payne of forfeyture of the ſayde corne, victuall, and wood, and all his goodes and cattelles: the one moytie therof to the kyng and Queenes Maieſties, their heyres and ſucceſſours, and the other moytie to hym or them that wyll ſue for the ſame by action of debt, byll, playnt, information, or otherwyſe, wherein no wager of lawe, eſſoigne, or protection ſhalbe to hym or them alowed.

And for the better execution of this act, be it further enacted by the auctheritie aforeſayde, that al and ſinguler Juſtices of peace, as wel within the liberties, as without, within their ſeuerall auctheritties and commiſſions, at any tyme within three yeeres next after ſuche offences committed, ſhal haue full power and auctheritie to enquyre, as wel by the othes of twelue lawful men, as alſo to heare & examine the matter, maiſters and mariners of the ſayde ſhippes, craiers, and other veſſels. And al and euery other perſon, and perſons, of all and ſinguler the offenders againſt this preſent acte, and to heare and determyne the ſame offences, as they may and ought to heare and determine any other treſpaſſes or offences.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that at al tyme & tymes hereafter, when the common pryce of corne within this realme is, that wheate shal not exceede the pryce of. vi. s. viii. d. the quarter, and rye. iiii. s. the quarter, and barlie. iii. s. the quarter, it shalbe lawfull to euery person and persons, to carry and transport ouer the sea, to any place beyond the seas, at their pleasure, of the sayde kindes of corne, so that it be not to the kyng and queenes enimies.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that this acte, ne any thyng therein conteyned, shall extende to any person or persons, for the necessarie victuallyng of any shyp, shyppes, or other vesselles, but that they, and euery of them, may victuall the sayd shyppes & vesselles, as they myght haue done before the making of this present acte: this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that this acte, or any thyng therin conteyned, shal not be preiudicial or hurtfull vnto the lorde great Admirall of Englande, for the tyme beyng, or to the kyng and queenes maiesties iurisdiction of the Admiraltie, but that the sayd lorde Admirall, or his deputie or deputies, may, and shall exercise, vse, and execute all kynde of iurisdiction, belongyng to the sea, accordyng to his or their commissions, as they myght lawfully haue doone heretofore: this acte, or any thyng therin conteyned to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

An acte for the reuiuing of three Estatutes, made for the punishment of heresies.

The. vi. Chapter.

For the eschewing and auoyding of errors & herestes, which of late haue rysen, growen, & muche encreased within this realme, for that the Ordinaries haue wanted auctoritie to procede against those that were infected therewith: be it therfore ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie of this present parliament, that the statute made in the fyfth yeere of the raigne of kyng Richard the seconde, concernyng the arrestyng and apprehension of erronious and hereticall preachers, and one other statute made in the seconde yeere of the raigne of kyng Henrie the fourth, concerning repressyng of heresies, and punyshment of heretikes, and also one other estatute made in the seconde yeere of the raigne of kyng Henrie the fyfth, concernyng the suppression of heresie and lolardie, and euery article, braunche, and sentence, conteyned in the same three seuerall

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actes, and euery of them, shal from the twentie day of Januarie next commyng, be reuiued, and be in ful force, strength, and effect, to al intentes, constructions, and purposes, for euer.

The tenor of the acte, made in the fyfth yeere of Kyng Richard, is as foloweth. Cap.v.

ITem, for as much as it is openly knowen, that there be diuers euil persons within the realme, going from countie to countie, and from towne to towne, in certaine habites, vnder dissimulation of great holinesse, and without the licence of the Ordinaries of the places, or other sufficient auctoritie, preachyng dayly, not onely in Churches & Churchyardes, but also in markets, fayres, and other open places, where a congregation of people is, diuers sermons conteining heresies & notorious errours, to the great emblemishyng of the Christian fayth, and destruction of the lawes, & of the estate of holy Churche, to the great perile of the soules of the people, and of all the realme of Englande, as more playnely is founde, & sufficiently prooued before the reuerende father in God the Archbyshop of Canterbury, & the Byshops and other Prelates, maisters of diuinitie, and doctors of canon and of ciuil, & a great part of the Cleargie of the sayde realme, specially assembled for this cause, which persons doo also preache diuers matters of slaunder, to ingender discorde and dissention, betwixt diuers estates of the sayd realme, as wel spirituall as temporal, in exciting of the people, to the great peryl of the realme, which preachers cited or summoned before the ordinaries of the places, there to answeare of that wherof they be impeached, wyll not obey to their summons and commaundementes, nor care not for their monitions nor censures of ỹ holy Church, but expresly despise them: And moreouer, by their subtil ingenious words, do drawe the people to heare the sermons, & do mainteyne them in their errors by strong hand, and by great routes: It is ordeined and assented in this present parliament, that the kyngs commissions be made and directed to the Sheriffes and other ministers of our soueraigne lorde the kyng, or other sufficient persons learned, and according to the certifications of the prelates therof, to be made in the chauncery from time to time, to arrest all suche preachers, and also their fautours, maynteyners, & abbetours, and to hold them in arrest and strong prison, tyl they wyl iustifie them, according to the lawe and reason of holy Church. And the kyng wylleth & commaundeth, that the Chauncelour make such commissions at al tymes, that he by the prelates, or any of them, shal be certified, and thereof requyred, as is aforesayde.

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The tenor of the ſeconde acte, made in the ſeconde yeere of Kyng Henrie the fourth, is as foloweth. Cap. xv.

ITem, wheras it is ſhewed to our ſouereaigne lorde the kyng, on the behalfe of the Prelates and Cleargie of this realme of England, in this preſent Parliament, that although the Catholique fayth, buylded vppon Chriſte, and by his Apoſtles, and the holy Church ſufficiently determined, declared, & approued, hath been hytherto to be good & holy, and moſt noble progenitours of our ſouereaigne lord the king, in the ſaid realme, amongſt all the realmes of the world, moſt deuoutly obſerued, & the Church of England, by his ſaid moſt noble progenitors, & auncetors, to the honour of God, and the whole realme aforeſayd, laudably endowed, & in her rytes and liberties ſuſteyned, without that the ſame fayth, or the ſayde Church was hurt, or greeuouſly oppreſſed, or els perturbed by any peruerſe doctrine, or wicked heretical or erronious opinions: yet neuertheleſſe, diuers falſe & peruerſe people, of a certayne newe ſect of the fayth of the ſacramentes of the Church, & the authoritie of the ſame, damnably thinking, & againſt the law of God, and of the Church, vſurping the office of preachyng, do peruerſly & maliciouſly, in diuers places within the ſayd realme, vnder the colour of diſſimuled holyneſſe, preach, & teach theſe dayes, openly & priuily diuers newe doctrines, & wicked heretical and erronious opinions, contrary to the ſame fayth, & bleſſed determinations of the holy Church: And of ſuch ſect and wicked doctrine & opinions, they make vnlawful conuenticles and confederacies, they holde and exercile ſcooles, they make and write bookes, they doo wickedly inſtruct & enfourme people, and as muche as they may, excite and ſtyrre them to ſedition and inſurrection, and maketh great ſtrife & diuiſion among the people, & other enormities, horrible to be heard, daily doo perpetrate & commit in ſubuertion of the ſayde catholike faith, & doctrine of the holy church, in diminution of Gods honour, & alſo in deſtruction of the eſtate, rites, & liberties of the ſayd Church of England, by which ſect, & wicked and falſe preachynges, doctrines, and opinions of the ſayde falſe peruerſe people, not onely moſte greateſt perill of the ſoules, but alſo many more other hurtes, ſlaunders, and perils (whiche God prohibite) myght come to this realme, vnleſs it be the more plentifully & ſpeedily holpen by the kings maieſtie in this behalfe: namely, wherefore the dioceſans of the ſayde realme, can not by their iuriſdiction ſpiritual, without aid of the ſaid royal maieſtie, ſufficiently correct the ſayd falſe & peruerſe people, nor refraine their malice, becauſe the ſayd falſe and peruerſe people, do go from dioces to dioces, and wil not appeare before the ſayd dioceſans, but the ſame dioceſans, and their iuriſdiction ſpirituall, and the

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heyes of the Churche, with the sensures of the same, doo vtterly contemne and despise, and so their wicked preachynges and doctrines doeth from day to day continue and exercise, to the hatred of ryght and reason, and vtter destruction of order & good rule. Vpon whiche nowelties and excesses aboue rehearsed, the Prelates and Cleargie aforesayd, & also the commons of the sayde realme, being in the same parliament, praying our soueraigne lorde the kyng, that his royall highnes would vouchsafe in the said parliament, to proude a conuenient remedy: the same our soueraigne lord the king, graciously considering the premisses, and also the laudable steppes of his sayd most noble progenitors and auncetors, for the conseruation of the said catholike faith, and sustentation of Gods honor, and also the safegarde of the estate, rites, and liberties of the said Church of England, to the laude of God, and merite of our sayde soueraigne lorde the kyng, and prosperitie and honour of all his sayd realme, & for the eschewing of suche dissentions, diuisions, hurtes, slaunders, and perils in tyme to come: and that this wicked sect, preachynges, doctrines, & opinions, shoulde from henceforth cease, and be vtterly destroyed by the assent of the states, and other discreete men of the realme, being in the sayd parliament, hath graunted, stablyshed, & ordeyned from henceforth, fyrmely to be obserued, that none within the sayde realme, or any other dominions, subiectes to his royal Maiestie, presume to preach openly or priuily, without the license of the diocesan of the same place fyrst requyred and obteyned, Curates in their owne Churches, and persons hytherto priuiledged, and other of the canon law graunted, onely except. Nor that none from henceforth any thyng preach, hold, teach, or instructe, openly or priuily, or make or wryte any booke contrary to the catholike fayth, or determination of the holy Churche, nor of suche sect and wicked doctrines and opinions, shall make any conuenticles, or in any wyse holde or exercise scooles. And also that none from henceforth in any wyse fauour suche preacher, or maker of any suche and lyke conuenticles, or holdyng or exercisyng scooles, or makyng or wrytyng suche bookes, or so teachyng, informing, or exciting the people, nor any of them mainteine, or in any wyse sustaine. And that al and synguler hauyng suche bookes, or any wrytynges of such wicked doctrine and opinions, shal really with effect deliuer, or cause to be deliuered al such bookes & wrytynges to the diocesan of the same place, within. xl. dayes from the tyme of the proclamation of this ordinance & statute. And if any person or persons, of whatsoeuer kind, estate, or condition that he or they be, from henceforth do, or attempt against the royal ordinance & statute aforesaide in ỹ premisses, or in any of them: or such bokes in ỹ fourme aforesaid, do not deliuer, then the diocesan of the same place in his dioces, suche person or persons in this behalfe defamed, or euidently suspected, & euery of them,

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may by the aucthoritie of the sayd Ordinarie and statute, cause to be arrested, and vnder safe custodie in his prysons to be deteyned, vntyll he or they, of the articles laid to him or them in this behalfe, do canonically purge hym or them selfe, or els such wycked sect, preachings, doctrines, and hereticall and erronious opinions, doo abiure accordyng as the lawes of the Churche doeth requyre, so that the diocesan by hym selfe, or his commissaries, doo openly and iudicially proceede against such persons so arrested, and remaining vnder his safe custodie, to al effect of the lawe, & determine that same busines, according to the canonicall decrees, within three monethes after the sayde arrest: any lawful impediment ceassyng. And yf any person in any case aboue expressed, be before the diocesan of that place, or his commissaries, canonically conuict, then the same diocesan may do to be kept in his prison the same person so conuict, for the maner of his defaulte, & after the qualitie of the offence, accordyng and as long as to his discretion shal seeme expedient: and moreouer to put the same person to the seculer court, except in cases where he accordyng to the canonical decree ought to be left, to pay to our soueraigne Lorde the Kyng, his pecunier fyne, accordyng as the same fyne shal seme competent to the diocesan, for the maner and qualitie of the offence: in which case the same diocesan shalbe bounde to certifie the Kyng of the same fyne in his exchequer, by his letter patents, sealed with his seale, to the effect that such fynes by the kyngs aucthoritie, may be requyred and leuied to his vse, of the goods of the same person so conuict. And yf any person within the sayd realmes and dominions, vpon the sayde wycked preachynges, doctrines, opinions, scooles, and hereticall and erronious informations, or any of them, be before the diocesan of the same place, or his cōmissaries, sentencially conuict, & the same wicked sect, preachinges, doctrines, & opinions, scooles, & informations, do refuse duely to abiure, or by the diocesan of the same place, or his commissaries, after the abiuration made, by the same person pronounced, fall into relapse, so that accordyng to the holy canons, he ought to be left to the seculer court, whervpon credence shalbe geuen to the diocesan of the same place, or to the commissaries in this behalfe: then the sheriffe of the countie of the same place, & Maior, and Sheriffe, or Sheriffe or Maior and Baylyffes of the citie, towne, and borough of the same countie next to the same diocesan, or the said commissaries, shal be pecsonally present in preferryng of suche sentences, when they by the same diocesan, or by his commissaries, shalbe requyred: And they the same persons, & euery of them, after such sentences promulgate, shall receyue, and them before the people in an hygh place doo to be brent, that suche punyshment may stryke in feare to the myndes of other, wherby no such wicked doctrine and heretical and erronious opinions, nor their abbettours and fautours in the said realme & dominions,

minions agaynſt the catholike fayth, chriſten lawe, & determination of the holy Church (which God prohibite) be ſuſteined, or in any wiſe ſuffred, in which all & ſynguler the premiſſes, concerning the ſaid ordinaunce and ſtatute, the Sheriffes, Maiors, & Baylyffes of the ſayd Counties, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, ſhalbe tending, ayding, and ſupportyng to the ſayde dioceſans, and their commiſſaries.

The tenor of the third acte, made in the ſecond yeere of Kyng Henrie the fyfth, is as foloweth. Chap.vii.

ITem, for as muche as great rumors, congregations, and inſurrections here in the realme of Englande, by dyuers of the kings liege people, aſwel by thē which were of the ſect of hereſies, commonly called Iolardrie, as by other of their confederacie, excitation, & abetment, nowe of late were made, to thintent to annul, deſtroy, & ſubuert the chriſten faith, and the law of God & holy Church within this ſame realme of England: and alſo to deſtroy the ſame our ſouereigne lorde the king, and al other maner of eſtates of the ſame realme of England, as well ſpirituall as temporall, and alſo al maner of policie, & finally the lawes of the land: The ſame our ſouereigne lord the king, to the honour of God, and in conſeruation and fortification of the chriſten fayth, and alſo in ſaluation of his royal eſtate, & of the ſtate of al his realme, willyng againſt the malice of ſuch heretikes & Iolards, to prouide a more open remedie & punishment then hath been had and vſed in the caſe heretofore, ſo that for feare of the ſame lawes and punishment, ſuche hereſies and Iolardries may the rather ceaſe in tyme to come, by the aduiſe and aſſent aforeſayde, at the prayer of the ſayd commons hath ordeyned & eſtabliſhed, that fyrſt the Chaunceler, Treaſurer, Iuſtices of thone benche & of thother, Iuſtices of peace, Sheriffes, Maiors & Baylifes of cities & townes, & all other officers hauyng gouernance of people, whiche nowe be, or hereafter for the time ſhalbe, ſhal make an othe in taking of their charges & occupations, to put their whole power and diligence to put out, & doo to be put out, ceaſe, and deſtroy al maner of hereſies and errors, commonly called Iolardries, within the places where they exerciſe their offices & occupations from tyme to tyme, with all their power: and that they aſſyſt the Ordinaries & their commiſſaries, & them fauour & maintеine, as often as they, or any of them to that ſhalbe required by the ſame Ordinaries or their commiſſaries: ſo that when the ſaid officers and miniſters trauayle or ryde to arreſt any Iolard, or to make aſſyſtance at the inſtance and requeſt of the Ordinaries, or their commiſſaries, by vertue of this ſtatute, that the ſame Ordinaries & commiſſaries ſhal pay for their coſts reaſonable, and that the kynges ſeruices to the whiche the ſame officers be fyrſt ſworne, be preferred before al other ſtatutes, for the liber-

tie of holy church, & the miniſters of the ſame: and in eſpecial for the correction and punishment of the heretikes and lolardes, before this time made and not repelled, being in their force. And alſo that al perſons conuict of hereſie, of what eſtate, condition, or degree that they be, by the ſaid ordinaries or their commiſſaries, left to the ſeculer power, according to the lawes of holy church, ſhal loſe & forfeite al their landes and tenementes which they haue in fee ſimple, in the maner as foloweth: that is to ſay, that the king haue al the lands and tenementes, whiche the ſayd conuictes haue in fee ſimple, and holden of him immediately as forfeyte: and that the other lordes of whom the landes and tenementes of ſuch conuictes be holden immediatly after that the king is ſo ſeaſed and aunſwered, yt the yere, the day, and the waſte, haue liuery out of the kings hands of the lands and tenementes aforeſayde of them ſo holden, as it hath ben vſed in the caſe of attainder of felonie, except the landes & tenements which be holden of the ordinaries or their commiſſaries, before whom any ſuch perſons impeached of hereſie, be conuict, which landes & tenementes intirely ſhal remaine to the king as forfeit. And moreouer, that al the goods & cattels of theſe perſons ſo conuicted, be forfeit to our ſoueraigne lord the king, ſo that no perſon conuitt of hereſie, and left to the ſeculer power after ỹ lawes of holy church, ſhal forfeit his lands before that he be dead. And if any ſuch perſon ſo conuict, be infeffed, be it by fine, by deede, or without deede, in lands or tenements, rents, or ſeruices, in fee or otherwyſe, or hath any other poſſeſſions or cattels by gyft or graunt of any perſon or perſons to anothers vſe, them to the vſe of ſuche conuictes, that the ſame landes nor tenementes, rentes, nor ſeruices, nor ſuche other poſſeſſions, nor cattelles, ſhalbe forfeyte to our ſoueraigne lord the kyng in no wyſe. And moreouer, that the Juſtices of the kynges benche, and Juſtices of peace, and Juſtices of aſſiſe, haue ful power to enquyre of al them which holde any errors or hereſies, as lolardes, and which be their maintеiners, receiuers, fauorers, & ſuſteiners, common writers of ſuch bokes, as wel of the ſermons, as of their ſcooles, conuenticles, congregations, & confederacies: and that this clauſe be put in commiſſion of the Juſtices of the peace. And if any perſons be indicted of any poyntes aforeſaid, the ſaid Juſtices ſhal haue power to award againſt them a capias, & the Sheriffe ſhalbe bound to arreſt the perſon or perſons ſo indicted, as ſoone as he may them find by him or by his officers. And for as much as the cogniſance of hereſie, errors, & lolardies, belongeth to the iudges of holy church, & not to the ſeculer iudges, ſuch perſons indicted ſhalbe deliuered to the ordinaries of the places, or to their commiſſaries, by indentures betwixt them to be made, within x dayes after their arreſt, or ſooner, if it may be, therof to be arquit or conuict by the lawes of holy churche, in caſe that theſe perſons be not indicted of another

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thing, wherof the cognisaunce belongeth to the seculer Judges and officers, in which case, after that they be acquite or deliuered before the seculer Judge of such thinges to the seculer Judges belonging, they shalbe sent in safegarde to the sayde Ordinaries, or their Commissaries, and to them deliuered by indentures as before, to be acquite or conuicte of such lollardies, errours, or heresies as is aforesaid, after the lawes of holy Church, and that within the terme aforesaid.

Prouided alwayes, that the sayde inditementes be not taken in euidence, but for information before the spirituall Judges against such persons so indicted: but that the Ordinaries commence their processe against such persons indicted in the same maner, as though no indictment were, hauing no regarde to such indictmentes.

And yf any be indicted of heresie, errour, or lolardrye, and taken by the Sheriffe or other officer, he shalbe let to mayneprye within the sayde tenne dayes by good suertie, for whom the sayde Sheriffes or other officers will answere, so that the sayde person or persons which were so indicted, be redye to be deliuered to the sayde Ordynaries, or to their Commissaries, before the ende of the sayde tenne dayes, yf he may by any meanes for sickenes. And euerye Ordinarye shall haue sufficient Commissaries, or Commissary dwelling in euery county in a place notable, so that yf any such person so indicted be taken, that the sayde Commissaries or Commissary, may be warned in the notable place where he dwelleth by the Sheriffe, or some of his officers, to come to the kynges sayle in the same countie, there to receaue the same person so indicted by indentures as before. And that in the inquest in this case to be taken, the Sheriffes and other officers, to whom it belongeth, shall do to be empanelled good and sufficient persons, not suspected nor procured: that is to saye, that euerye of them which shalbe so empanelled in such inquest, haue within the realme of England. C. s. of landes, tenementes, or of rent by yeere, vpon payne to lose to the kynges vse. x. li. and they which shalbe empanelled in such inquestes in Wales, euery of them shall haue to the value of. xl. s. by yere. And yf anye such person be arreste, be it by the Ordinary, or by the kinges officers or ministers, and escape or breake the prison, before that he be acquit before the Ordinary, the goodes & cattelles whiche he had the daye of suche arreste, shalbe forfeyte to the kinge, and his landes and tenementes, which he had the same day, seased also in the kinges handes. The kyng shall haue the profites thereof from the sayd day, vntyl he be yelded to the prison from which he escaped: And that the forsayd Justices haue full power to enquire of all such escapes, breakyng of prison, and also of landes and tenementes, goodes and cattels of such persons so indicted.

Prouided also, that yf any such person indicted, do not returne to the sayd prison, and dieth not conuict, it shalbe lawfull to his heyres

to enter into the landes and tenementes of theyr auncester, without any other pursuit makyng to the kyng for this cause: and then all they which haue liberties and fraunchises royall in Englande, as in the Countie of Chester, the Countie & libertie of Durham, and other like, and also all the lordes which haue iurisdiction and fraunchises royall in Wales, where the kinges writtes do not runne, haue power to execute and put in due execution these articles in all poyntes, by them or by theyr officers, in like maner as the Iustices and other the kinges officers before declared shulde do.

An Acte that persons dwelling in the countrey, shal not sell diuers wares in Cities or Townes corporate by retayle,

The.vi. Chapter.

WHere before this tyme the auncient cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes within this realme of England, haue ben very populous, & chefely inhabited with marchauntes, artificers, & handy craftesmen, during which time the children in the said cities, boroughes, townes corporate, & market townes, were chefly brought vp and instructed, and also in the said cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, kept in good order and obeysaunce, and the inhabiters of the same wel set on worke and kept from idlenesse. By reason whereof, the said cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, did then prosper in riches and great wealth, and were as then not only able to serue and furnishe the kinge and queenes maiesties, and other theyr noble progenitours kynges of this Realme, al well with great numbers of good able persons, and wel furnyshed meete for the warres, as also then charged, and yet chargeable with great fee farmes, quindesmes, taxes, and diuers other paymentes to the kyng and queenes maiesties, whiche at this present they be not able to pay and beare, but to theyr vtter vndoyng, being fewe in number to pay and beare the same, but also the same cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, are like to come very shortly to vtter destruction, ruine, and decay. By reason wherof, the occuppyers, lynnen Drapers, wollen Drapers, Haberdashers, and Grocers, dwellyng in the countreys out of the said cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes, do not only occuppye the arte and mysteris of the sayde sciences, in the places where they dwel and inhabite, but also come vnto the said cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes, and there sel theyr wares, and take away the relefe of the inhabitantes of the said cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes, to the great decay, and vtter vndoyng of the inhabitauntes of

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the same, if speedy reformation therin be not had in time conuenient. For remedy wherof, and for the better amendment of the said cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes, and to thende the same cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, may be the better able to pay the said fee farmes, and also to beare the other ordinarye charges within the same cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, and to furnishe the king and Queenes maiesties with numbers of able persons, like as they heretofore haue bene in times past, in times of warre.

Be it therefore enacted by our soueraigne Lorde and Ladye, the king and Queene, the lordes spirituall, and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctoritie of the same, that any person or persons which do nowe inhabite & dwel, or hereafter shall inhabite or dwel in the country any where, or countie within this realme of Englande, out of any of the sayde cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes, from & after the feaste of S. Michael tharchangell next comming, shall not sell, or cause to be solde by retayle, any wollen cloth, linnen cloth, haberdashe wares, grocery wares, mercery wares, at or within any of the sayde cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes, or within ye suburbs or liberties of the sayde cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes within the sayd realme of Englande (except it be in open faires) vpon paine to forfeyte and lose for euery time so offending, the summe of. vi.s. viii.d. & the whole wares so solde, proffred, and offred to be solde, contrary to the fourme, intent, and effecte of this present acte, as aboue is sayde: the one moitie of al which forfeytures, to be to the vse of our sayde Soueraigne Lorde and Ladye the kyng and queenes maiesties, and the other halfe to him or them that shall sease and sue for the same in any of the king and Queenes courtes of recorde, by byll, playnt, action of debt, information, or otherwyse, wherin no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe allowed.

Prouided alway, that this acte shall not in any wyse extende, nor be hurtfull to any person or persons, that bying any of the sayde wollen cloth, linnen cloth, haberdashe, grocery, mercery, ware or wares to any of the sayde cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes to be solde, or cause to be solde, by whole sale, in grosse, and not by retayle: but they and euery of them may lawfully sell the same in as large and ample maner, fourme and condition by whole sale, in grosse, and not by retayle, as they and euery of them might haue done at any tyme or tymes before the making of this acte: anye thyng herein to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alway, that this present act shal not extend to any person or persons that nowe dwel or inhabite in the countrey, or hereafter

ſhall dwel or inhabite out of any the ſayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes: but that they, and euery of them, at any time hereafter, when they or anye of them ſhalbe free of anye the guildes and liberties of any the ſayde cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes, and dwel or inhabite within any of the ſame cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market towns, that they and euery of them ſo beyng free, ſhall and may ſell, or cauſe to be ſolde any of the wares aforeſayde by retayle, in as ample and large maner as they and euery of them might haue done, beyng free of the ſayde cities, boroughes, and townes aforeſayde, before the makyng of this act: any clauſe or article in this acte to the contrary, notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſayde, that it ſhalbe lawfull to all perſons, to ſell, or cauſe to be ſolde, by retayle or otherwyſe, al maner of cloth, linnen or woollen, of theyr owne makyng, in euery citie, borough, towne corporate, and market towne within the realme, as freely and frankly as they myght haue done before the makyng of this acte: any thyng in the ſame conteynyng to the contrary hereof, notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alway, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, ſhall not be preiuditiall or hurtful to the liberties and priuiledges of the vniuerſities of Cambridge and Oxford, or eyther of them: anye thyng in this act heretofore mentioned to the contrary, notwithſtandyng.

An Acte repealing all Statutes, articles, and prouiſions, made againſt the ſee apoſtilike of Rome, ſince the twentie yere of king Henry the eyght, and alſo for the eſtabliſhment of all ſpirituall and Eccleſiaſticall poſſeſſions and hereditamentes, conueyed to the laitie.

The eight Chapter.

WHere as ſince the. xx. yeere of kyng Henry the eyght, of famous memory, father vnto your Maieſtie, our moſte naturall ſoueraigne and gratious Ladye and Queene, muche falſe and erronious doctrine hath beene taught, preached, and wrytten, partly by diuers the naturall borne ſubiectes of this realme, and partly beyng brought in hyther from ſundry other forraigne countreys, hath benſowen and ſpread abroad within the ſame. By reaſon wherof, al well the ſpiritualtie as the temporaltie of your highnes realme and dominions, haue ſwarued from the obedience of the ſee apoſtolike, and declined from the vnitie of Chriſtes Churche, and ſo haue

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continued vnty l such time as your maiestie beyng fyrst raised vp by God, and set in the seate royall ouer vs, and then by his deuine and gratious prouidence knitte in mariage with the most noble and vertuous prince, the king our soueraigne lorde your husbande, the Popes holynes and the See apostilike sent hyther vnto your maiesties (as vnto persons vndefiled, and by Gods goodnes preserued from the common infection aforesayde) and to the whole realme, the most reuerende father in God, the Lord Cardinal Poole, Legate de latere, to call vs home agayne into the ryght way, from whence we haue all this long whyle wandered and strayed abroade: and we after sundry long and greeuous plagues and calamities, seeyng by the goodnesse of God our owne errours, haue knowledged the same vnto the sayde moste reuerende father, and by hym haue ben and are the rather at the contemplation of your maiesties, receiued and embraced into the vnitie and bosome of Christes church: and vpon our humble submission and promise made for a declaration of our repentaunce, to repeale and abrogate suche actes and statutes, as had been made in parliament synce the sayde. xx. yeere of the sayde kyng Henrye the eyght, agaynst the supremacie of the see apostolike, as in our submission exhibited to the sayde moste reuerende father in God, by your maiesties appeareth. The tenour whereof ensueth.

We the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons assembled in this present parliament, representyng the whole body of the realme of Englande, and the dominions of the same, in the name of our selues perticulerly, and also of the sayde body vniuersally, in this our supplication directed to your maiesties, with most humble suite, that it may by your graces intercession and meane be exhibited to the moste reuerende father in God, the Lorde Cardinall Poole Legate, sent specially hyther from our moste holy father the Pope July the thirde, and the see apostolike of Rome: do declare our selues verye sorye and repentaunt of the schisme and disobedience commytted in this realme and dominions aforesayd, against the said see apostolike, either by making, agreeyng, or executing any lawes, ordinaunces, or commaundementes agaynst the supremacie of the sayde see, or otherwyse doyng or speakyng, that might impugne the same: offeryng our selues, & promising by this our supplication, that for a token and knowledge of our sayd repentaunce, we be, and shalbe alwaies redy, vnder and with thaucthorities of your maiesties, to the vttermost of our powers, to do that shall lye in vs for the abrogation, and repealing of the sayd lawes and ordinaunces in this present parliament, aswell for our selues, as for the whole bodye, whom we represente. Wherupon, we most humbly desyre your maiesties, as personages vndefiled in offence of bodye towardes the sayde see, whiche neuerthelesse God by his prouidence hath made subiect to you, so to set

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foorth this our moſte humble ſuite, that we may obtayne from the See apoſtolike, by the ſayde moſt reuerende father, as well particularly, as generally, abſolution, releaſe, and diſcharge from all daunger of ſuche cenſures, and ſentences, as by the lawes of the churche we be fallen into: and that we may as children repentaunt, be receyued into the boſome and vnitie of Chriſtes churche, ſo as this noble realme, with all the members thereof, may in this vnitie and perfect obedience to the ſee apoſtolike, and Popes for the tyme beyng, ſerue God and your maieſties, to the furtherance & aduauncement of his honour and glory. We are at the interceſſion of your maieſties, by thauctoritie of our holy father Pope Iuly the thirde, and of the See apoſtolike, abſoyled, diſcharged, and deliuered from excommunication, interdictions, and other cenſures eccleſiaſticall, which hath hanged ouer our heades for our ſayde defaultes, ſince the tyme of the ſayde ſchiſme mentioned in our ſupplication. The which tyme, the ſayde lorde Legate and we do all declare, recognile, and meane by this acte to be onely ſince the .xx. yere of the raigne of your moſte noble father king Henry the eyght. It may nowe like your maieſties, that for the accompliſhment of our promyſe made in the ſayde ſupplication, that is, to repeale al lawes and ſtatuts made contrary to the ſayde ſupremacie and See apoſtolike, durryng the ſayd ſchiſme, the which is to be vnderſtande, ſince the .xx. yere of the raigne of the ſayde late king Henry the eyght, and ſo the ſayde lorde Legate doth accept, and recogniſe the ſame.

Where in the Parliament begun and holden at Weſtminſter, in the .xxi. yeere of the raigne of the late kyng of moſt famous memory king Henry the eyght, one acte was then and there made againſt pluralities of benefices, for taking of farmes by ſpirituall men, and for none reſidence: in the whiche acte amongſt other thynges it was ordeyned and enacted, that yf any perſon or perſons at any tyme after the fyrſt day of Aprill in the yeere of our Lorde God, a thouſande fyue hundred and thirtie, contrary to the ſame acte, ſhoulde procure and obteyne at the court of Rome, or els where, any licence or licences, vnion, tolleration, or diſpenſation, to receaue or take anye more benefices with cure, then was limitted and appoynted by the ſame acte: or els at any tyme after the ſayde day, ſhoulde put in execution any ſuch licence, tolleration, or diſpenſation, before that tyme obteyned contrary to the ſayde acte, that then euery ſuche perſon or perſons, ſo after the ſayde day ſuyng for hym ſelfe, or receauyng and takyng ſuch benefice by force of ſuch licence or licences, vnion, tolleration, or diſpenſation, that is to ſay, the ſame perſon or perſons only and none other, ſhould for euery ſuch defaulte, incurre the daunger, payne and penaltie of .xx.li. ſterl. and ſhoulde alſo loſe the whole profites of euery ſuche benefice, or benefices, as he receaueth, or taketh

heth by force of any suche licence or licences, vnion, tolleration, or dispensation. And where also in the sayde acte it was ordeyned and enacted, that yf anye person or persons dyd procure, or obtayne at the courte of Rome, or els where, any money of licence or dispensation to be non residence at their dignities, prebend, or benefices, contrary to the sayde acte, that then euery suche person or persons puttyng in execution any such dispensation or licence for hym selfe, from the sayde first day of April in the sayde yere of our Lord God, a thousand fiue hundred and thirtie, shoulde runne and incurre in the penalties, damages, and payne of. xx. li. sterlyng for euery time so doyng, to be forfeyted and recouered, as by the sayde acte is declared: and yet suche licence or dispensation so procured, or to be put in execution, to be void and of none effect, as by the same acte more playnly it doth and may appeare.

Be it enacted by thauctho*r*itie of this present parliament, that as much onely of the sayde acte, as concerneth the articles and clauses afore sayde, and all and euery the wordes and sentences conteyned in the sayde acte, concernyng the sayde Articles and clauses, and euery of them, shal from henceforth be repealed, annulled, reuoked, adnichilated, and vtterly made voyde for euer: any thyng in the sayde acte to the contrary in any wyse not withstandyng.

And where also at the session of the same parliament holden vpon prorogation in the. xxiii. yeere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eyght, one acte entituled, The act that no person shalbe cited out of the dioces where he or she dwelleth, except in certaine cases: and where also at the sayde parliament, in the session holden at Westminster vpon prorogation the. xxiiii. yeere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eyght, one act was made, that appeales in such cases as hath ben vsed to be pursued to the see of Rome, shoulde not from henceforth be had nor vsed but within this realme: And where also at the sayde parliament holden at Westminster in the. xxv. yere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Henrye the eyght, and there continued by diuers prorogations vntyll the. xxiiii. day of Aprill, in the xxvii. yeere of his raigne, one acte was made concernyng restraintes of paymentes of annaties, and fyrste fruites of Archbyshoprikes, and Byshoprykes of the see of Rome: And where at the Session of the sayde parliament holden in the. xxv. yeere of the raigne of the saide late kyng, there was also one acte made, entituled, The submission of the Clergie to the kinges maiestie: and one other acte, entituled, An acte restraynyng the sayde paymentes of annaties or first fruites to the Byshop of Rome, and of the electing and consecrating of the Archebishoppes and Bishoppes within this realme: and one other act was then and there made, entituled, An acte concernyng the exoneration of the kinges subiectes from exactions and impositions

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before that tyme payde to the See of Rome, and for hauyng licences and dispensations within this Realme, without suyng further for the same:

Be it enacted by thaucthoritie of this present parliament, that the sayde seuer all actes made for the restraynte of payment of the sayde annates and first fruites, and all other the sayde actes made in the sayd. xxiii. and xxiv. yeres of the raigne of the sayde late kynge, and every of them, and all and every braunch, article, matter, and sentence in them, and every one of them conteined, shalbe by auctoritie of this present parliamente from henceforth vtterly voyde, made frustrate, and repealed to all ententes, constructions, and purposes.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie of this present parliament, that all and every theis actes following: that is to saye, one act made at the session of the sayde parliament holden vpon prorogation the. xxvi. yere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eyght, intituled: an act concernyng the kinges highnes to be supreme head of the Church of Englande, and to haue auctoritie to reforme and represse all errours, heresies, and abuses in the same: And one other acte made in the same session of the same parliament, entituled: an acte for nominacion and consecration of Suffraganes within this realme: And one other acte made in the. xxviii. yere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eyght, entituled: an acte whereby the kyng shoulde haue power to nominate. xxxii. persons of his Clergie and Laytee for the making of Ecclesiasticall lawes: And also one other acte, made at the parliament holden at Westminster in the. xxviii. yere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eyght, entituled: an act extinguishyng the auctoritie of the Bysshop of Rome: And one other acte made in the same parliament, entituled: an act for the release of such as then had obteyned pretended licences and dispensation from the See of Rome: And also all that parte of the acte made in the sayde. xxviii. yere of the sayde kynge, entituled: an acte for the establishment of the Succession of the Imperiall crowne of the realme, that concerneth a prohibition to marrie within the degrees expressed in the sayde acte: And also one other acte made at the parliament holden at Westminster in the xxxi. yere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eyght, entituled: an acte auctorisyng the kynges highnes to make Bysshoppes by his letters patentes: And one other acte made in the session of the same parliament begun in the sayde. xxxi. yere, holden vpon prorogation, the. xxxii. yere of the raigne of the sayde kyng Henrye the eyght, entituled: an acte concernyng precontractes of marryages, and touchyng degrees of consanguinitie: And one other act made in the parliament holden at Westminster, in the. xxxv. yere of the raigne of the sayd late kyng Henry the eight, entituled: an act for

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the ratification of the kings maiesties stile, shal henceforth be repealed, made frustrate, voyde, and of none effect. And where also at the sayde parliament holden at Westminster, in the.xxxv. yere of ỹ raigne of the sayd late kyng Henrie the eight, one other act was made, entituled: An act concerning the stablishment of the succession of the said king in the imperiall crowne of this realme: in the which acte, there is a fourme of a corporal othe deuised and set foorth, that euery subiect of this realme shoulde be bound to take, agaynst the power, auctoritie, and iurisdiccion of the see of Rome: be it enacted by thauctoritie of this present parliament, that so much of the sayde acte as toucheth the sayde othe agaynst the supremacie, and all others therevpon had, made, and geuen, shalbe from henceforth vtterly voyd, repealed, and of none effect. And where also one other act was made in the.xxvii. yere of the raigne of the said late king Henrie theight, entituled: An acte that doctors of the ciuil lawe being married, myght exercise ecclesiasticall iurisdiction: be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that the sayd act last before mentioned, and al and euery braunche, article, sentence, and matter conteyned in the same, shall from henceforth be repealed, and vtterly made voyd, and of none effect.

And where one other acte was made at the first yeere of the parliament holden at Westminster, in the first yeere of the raigne of kyng Edward the syxth, entytuled: An acte for the repeale of certayne statutes, concernyng treasons, fellonies. &c. In the which act, amongst other thinges there is conteined certayne prouisions, paynes, penalties, and forfeytures, for, and agaynst suche as shoulde by open preachynges, expresse wordes, sayinges, wryting, prynting, ouert deede, or act, affyrme, or set foorth that the king of this realme for the tyme being, is not, or ought not to be supreme head in the earth of ỹ churches of England nor Ireland, ne of any of them: or that the Bysshop of Rome, or any other person or persons, other thē the kyng of England for the tyme beyng, is, or ought to be supreme head of the same Churches, or any of them, as in the same act last before rehearsed, is at large is conteyned and may appeare: Be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that these clauses before rehearsed, and other of the sayde acte, concerning the supremacie, and all and euery braunche, article, wordes, and sentence in the same, sounding or tending to the derogation of the supremacie of the Popes holines, or the see of Rome: and al paynes, penalties, and forfeytures, made againste them that should by any meanes set foorth or extol the said supremacie, shalbe from henceforth vtterly voyde, and of none effecte.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that al clauses, sentences, and articles of euery other statute, or acte of parliament made sythence the sayde. xx. yeere of the raigne of kyng Henrie theight,

the eyght, agaynſt the ſupreme aucthoritie of the Popes holyneſſe, or ſee apoſtolike of Rome: or conteynyng any other matter of the ſame effect onely, that is repealed in any of the ſtatutes aforeſayde, ſhalbe alſo by aucthoritie hereof, from henceforth vtterly voyde, fruſtrate, and of none effecte.

And where we your moſte humble ſubiectes, the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, haue exhibited to your Maieſties one other ſupplication, in fourme folowyng.

We the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, repreſentyng the whole body of this realme, reduced & receiued by your Maieſties intercellion to the vnitie of Chriſtes Church, & the obedience of the ſee apoſtolike of Rome, and the Popes holyneſſe gouernyng the ſame, make moſte humble ſuite vnto your Maieſties, to be lyke wyſe meanes and interceſſors, that all occaſions of contention, hatred, grudge, ſuſpition, and trouble both outwardly & inwardly in mens conſciences, whiche myght ariſe amongſt vs, by reaſon of diſobedience, may by aucthoritie of the Popes holines, and by miniſtration of the ſame vnto vs, by the moſt reuerend father in God the lord Cardinal Poole, by diſpenſation, toleration, or permiſſion reſpectiuely as the caſe ſhall requyre, be aboliſhed and taken awaye, and by aucthoritie ſufficient, theſe articles folowyng, and generally all others, when any occaſion ſhall ſo requyre, may be prouided for, and confyrmed.

Fyrſt that al Biſhoprikes, Cathedrall Churches, Hoſpitalles, Colledges, Scooles, and other ſuch fundations nowe continuing, made by aucthoritie of parliament, or otherwyſe eſtabliſhed, accordyng to the order of the lawes of this realme ſythence the ſchiſme, maye be confyrmed and continued for euer.

Item, that marriages made infra gradus prohibitos conſanguinitatis, affinitatis, cognationis ſpiritualis, or which might be made voyd propter impedimentum publicæ honeſtatis iuſticiæ, or for any other cauſe prohibited by the canons, only may be confyrmed, and children borne of thoſe marriages, declared legitimate, ſo as thoſe marriages were made according to the lawes of the realme, for the tyme being, and be not directly agaynſt the lawes of God, nor in ſuch caſe as the ſee apoſtolike hath not vſed to diſpence withal.

That inſtitutions of benefices, and other promotions eccleſiaſticall, and diſpenſations made accordyng to the fourme of the acte of parliament, may be lyke wyſe confyrmed.

That all iudiciall proceſſes made before any Ordinaries of this realme, or before any delegats, vpon any appeales, according to thorder of the lawes of the realme, may be likewiſe ratified & confyrmed.

And fynally, where certayne actes and ſtatutes haue been made in the

the tyme of the late ſcisme, concerning the landes, and hereditamentes of Archbiſhoprickes, and Biſhoprickes, the ſuppreſſion, and diſſolution of monaſteries, abbeyes, prioryes, chauntries, colleges, and all other the goodes and cattels of religious houſes. Synce the whiche tyme, the ryght and dominion of certayne landes, and hereditamentes, goodes, and cattelles, belongyng to the ſame, be diſperſed abrode, and come to the handes and poſſeſſions of diuers and ſundry perſons, who by gyft, purchaſe, exchaunge, and other meanes, accordyng to the order of the lawes and ſtatutes of this Realme, for the tyme beyng, haue the ſame. For the auoydyng of all ſcrupies that might growe by any thoccaſions aforeſayd, or by any other wayes or meanes whatſoeuer: It maye pleaſe your maieſties, to be interceſſours and mediatours to the ſayde moſt reuerende father Cardinall Poole, that all ſuch cauſes and quarels by pretence of the ſayde ſcisme, or by any other occaſion, or meane whatſoeuer, myght be moued by the Popes holynes, or See Apoſtolike, or by any other iuriſdiction Eccleſiaſticall, may be vtterly remoued and taken awaye, ſo as all perſons hauyng ſufficient conueyaunce of the ſayde lands and hereditamentes, goodes, and cattels, as is aforeſayde, by the common lawes, actes, or ſtatutes of this realme, maye without ſcruple of conſcience enioy them, without impeachement or trouble, by pretence of any generall counſayle, Canons, or Eccleſiaſticall lawes, and cleare from all daungers of the cenſures of the Churche.

AND conformably hereunto, the Biſhoppes and Clergie of the prouince of Canterburye, haue preſented to your Maieſties a ſupplication, in this tenour that followeth.

Nos Epiſcopi, & clerus Cantuarienſis prouinciæ in hac Synodo more noſtro ſolito, dum regni parliamentum celebratur, congregati, cum omni debita humilitate, & reuerentia exponimus maieſtatibus veſtris, quod licet Eccleſiarum, quibus in Epiſcopos, Decanos, Archidiacanos, Rectores, & Vicarios præfecti ſumus, & animarum, quæ nobis & curæ noſtræ ſubiectæ ſunt, & earundem bonorum, iuriſdictionum, & iurium ex ſacrorum Canonum diſpoſitione, defenſores, & curatores conſtituti ſumus, & propterea ipſarum bona, iuriſdictiones, & iura in pernicioſo huius regni præterito ſchiſmate deperdita, & amiſſa, omni ſtudio, & totis noſtris viribus recuperare, & ad priſtinum Eccleſiarum ius reuocare, iuris remedijs niti deberemus: nihilominus tamen habito prius per nos ſuper hac re maturo conſilio, & deliberatione, ingenue fatemur nos optime cognoſcere, quàm hæc bonorum Eccleſiaſticorum difficilis, & quaſi impoſſibilis eſſet recuperatio propter multiplices, ac pene inextricabiles ſuper his habitos, contractus & diſpoſitiones, & quod ſi ea tentaretur, quies, & tranquilitas regni facile perturbaretur, & vnitas Eccleſiæ Catholicæ, quæ iam pietate, & auctoritate maieſtatum veſtrarum hoc in regno introducta eſt, cum maxima difficultate

ſuum debitum progreſſum, & finem ſortiri poſſet. Ideo nos bonum, & quietem publicam priuatis commoditatibus, & ſalutem tot animarum pretioſo Chriſti ſanguine redemptarum terenis bonis anteponentes, & non quæ noſtra, ſed quæ Ieſu Chriſti ſunt quærentes. Maieſtates veſtras enixe rogamus, eiſq; humiliter ſupplicamus, vt reuerendiſſimo in Chriſto patri, domino Reginaldo Cardinalo Polo, ad ipſas, & vniuerſũ hoc Angliæ regnum ſanctiſſimi domini noſtri, domini Iulij, Papæ tertij, & apoſtolicæ ſedes de latere legato, hæc nomine noſtro inſinuari, & apud eum intercedere dignentur, vt in his bonis Eccleſiaſticis in parte, vel in toto arbitrio ſuo iuxta facultates ſibi ab eodem ſanctiſſimo domino noſtro Papa conceſſas, eorundum bonorum detentoribus elargiendis, & relaxandis publicum bonum priuato, pacem, & tranquilatẽ diſſidiis, & perturbationibus, atq; animarum ſalutẽ bonis terrenis præferre, & anteponere velit. Nos enim in omnibus, quæ ab ipſo legato ſtatuta, & ordinata circa hæc bona fuerint exnunc, prout extunc, & econtra conceſſum noſtrum preſtæmus, imo etiam vt in premiſſiis ſe difficilẽ, aut reſtrictum redere non velit, maieſtates veſtræ noſtro nomine eum hortari, & rogare dignabuntur. Inſuper maieſtaribus veſtris ſupplicamus pro ſua pietate efficere diguẽtur, vt ea quæ ad iuriſdictionem noſtram, & libertatem Eccleſiaſticam pertinent, ſine quibus debitum noſtri paſtoralis officij, & curæ animarum nobis cõmiſſæ exercere non poſſumus, vobis ſuperiorum temporum iniuria ablata reſtituantur, & ea nobis, & Eccleſiæ perpetuo illeſa & ſalua permaneant, & vt omnes leges, quæ hanc noſtram iuriſdictionẽ, & libertatem Eccleſiaſticam tollunt, ſeu quouis modo impediunt, abrogentur ad honorẽ dei, & maieſtatum veſtrarum, & vniuerſi huius regni ſpirituale, & tẽporale commodum, & ſalutẽ, certam ſpem etiam habentes, maieſtates veſtras, pro ſua ſingulari in ipſum deum pietate, proq; multis, & inſignibus ab ipſius dei bonitate acceptis beneficijs, neceſſitatibus, & in cõmodis huius ſui regni Eccleſiarum maxime curam animarum habentium nunquam defuturas eſſe, ſed prout opus fuerit, conſulturas, atque prouiſuras.

For as muche as the ſayde moſte reuerende father, the lorde legat, at the interceſſion of your maieſties, hath by the auctho̅rite of the ſee apoſtolike, ſufficiently diſpenſed in the matters ſpecified in the ſayde ſeuerall ſupplications, as in his ſayde letters of diſpenſation is conteyned more at large. The tenor whereof enſueth.

Reginaldus miſeratione diuina ſanctæ Mariæ in Coſmodin ſanctæ Romanæ Eccleſiæ, Diaconis, Cardinalis Polus nũcupatus, ad ſereniſſimos Philippum & Mariam, Angliæ reges, fidei defẽſores, & vniuerſum Angliæ regnum, ſanctiſſimi dominæ noſtræ Papæ, & ſedes apoſtolicę de latere legatus eiſdem ſereniſſimis Philippo & Mariæ regibus ſalutem in domino ſempiternam. Cum ſupremum conſilium iſtius regni parliamentum nuncuparum maieſtatibus veſtris, per ſuos ſupplices libellos expoſuiſſet, quod perniciociſſimo ſchiſmate, in hoc regno aliàs vigẽte,

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quod nunc dei misericordia, & maiestatum vestrarum pietate extinctum est, auctoritatē ipsius parliamenti nonnulli Episcopatus diuisi, & ex his aliq; æ inferiores Ecclesiæ, in Cathedralis arrestæ, & scholæ, atq; hospitalia fundata, nec non plurimæ dispēsationes, & beneficiorum prouisiones facta fuerunt, ac multæ personæ quibus persuasum fuerat, iuris Canonici dispositiones hoc in regno amplius locum non habere, inter se in gradibus consanguinitatis, vel affinitatis, de iure prohibitis, & alijs impedimētis Canonicis sibi obstantibus, matrimonia per verba de presenti contraxerunt, & multis actus iudicarij, & processus, tam in primis, quam vlteoribus instantijs super rebus spiritualibus, & Ecclesiasticis coram iudicibus, tam ordinarijs, quam delegatis, qui auctoritate laicale procedebant, habiti, & seruati, ac super eis etiam sententiæ latæ, & promulgatæ fuerunt, & bona Ecclesiastica per diuersas eiusdem regni personas occupata, & apprehensa fuerunt. Quæ quidem licet ex sacrorum Canonum institutis irriti declarari possent, tamē si ad alium statum, quam in quo nunc sunt reuocarētur, publica pax, & quies vniuersi regni turbaretur, & maxima confusio oriretur, presertim si dictorum bonorum possessores molestarentur: & propterea maiestatibus vestris humiliter supplicauerint, vt apud nos intercedere dignentur, vt premissarum rerum firmitati, & stabilitati, & simul huius regni quieti, & tranquilitati, de benignitate apostolica prouidere velimus. Cumq; Episcopi quoq;, deinde ac reliquus prouinciæ Cātuarien sis Clerus totum fere corpus Ecclesiasticorum regni repræsentēt, ad quos hæc bonorum Ecclesiasticorum causa maxime pertinet, exposuerint, q; hæc bona ad ius Ecclesiarū reuocare non possunt, quin pax vniuersalis, & quies huius regni turbetur, & causa fidei, atq; vnitatis Ecclesiæ, iam tota omnium cōsensu hoc in regno introducta, in maximum periculū adducatur, & propterea ipsi quoq; supplicauerint, vt apud nos intercedere velint, vt in his bonis Ecclesiasticis possessoribus relaxandis restricti, & difficiles esse nollemus, maiestates autem vestræ, ad quas maxime spectat prouidere, vt regnum ipsarū potestati, regimini, & curæ commissum in pace, & tranquilitate cōseruetur. His supplicationibus, & postulatis cognitis, & mature cōsideratis, iudicauerint ea omnia, & maxime illa, quæ in bonorū Ecclesiasticorū causa petuntur, pro causa fidei, & pro pace publica, per nos debere sine vlla dilatione cōcedi, & quēmadmodū rogatæ fuerunt, apud nos intercedere dignatæ fuerint, prout in supplicationibus per idem supremum consilium, & Episcopos, ac clerum præfatū maiestatibus vestris porrectis, atq; in libello intercessionis per easdē maiestates vestras nobis simul cum alijs supplicationibus exhibito, latius apparet. Idcirco nos qui ad maiestates vestras, & hoc nobilissimum vestrū regnū a sanctissimo domino nostro Iulio, Papa tertio, ipsius & sedis apostolicæ de latere legati missi sumus, vt regnum istud, q; iam diu ab Ecclesiæ catholicæ vnitate separatum fuerat, deo, & Ecclesiæ Christi, eiusq; in terris vicario reconciliaremus, & vt ea omnia, quæ ad pacem, & tranquilitatē huius regni pertinerent, omni studio procurarem us, postquam dei

benignitate, & maieſtatum veſtrarum pietate, p auctoritatem eiuſdem ſanctiſſimi Dom. noſtri Papæ, cuius vices hic ſuſtinemus, recõciliatio iam facta eſt, vt paci, & tranquilitati regni præfati conſulamus, atq; vt vnitas Eccleſiæ, ex qua ſalus tot animarum precioſo Chriſti ſanguine redemptarũ dependet, hoc in regno iam introducta corroboretur, & ſalua permaneat; cum vtriuſq; rei ſtabilitatem in eo maxime conſiſtere, ſi horum Eccleſiaſticorum bonorũ poſſeſſoribus moleſtia nulla inferatur, quo nimus ea teneant, tot & tam grauia teſtimonia nobis fidẽ faciant, & maieſtatum veſtrarũ interceſſio, quæ p vnitate Eccleſiæ, & ſedis apoſtolicæ auctoritate hoc in regno inſtauranda tam ſtudioſe, & tam piè elaborarunt, eam quam par eſt auctoritatem apud nos habeat, & vt vniuerſũ hoc regnũ ſedis apoſtolicæ maternam vere indulgẽtiam, & charitatem erga ſe agnoſcat, & re ipſa experiatur: quoſcunq; ad quos infra ſcripta pertinent, a quibuſuis excõmunicationis, ſuſpenſionis, & interdicti, alijſq; Eccleſiaſticis ſententijs, cenſuris & pœnis a iure vel ab homine, quauis occaſione, vel cauſa latis, ſi quibus quomodo libet innodati exiſtunt, ad effectum preſentiũ dumtaxat conſequendũ horũ ſerie abſoluẽtes, & abſolutos fore eo cenſentes auctoritate apoſtolica, p literas ſanct. Dom. noſtri, Dom. Iulij Papæ tertij nobis conceſſa, & qua fungimur in hac parte, tenore preſentiũ diſpẽſamus, q omnes & ſingulæ cathedraliũ Eccleſiarum erectiones, hoſpitalium, & ſcholarum fundationes tempore preteriti ſchiſmatis, licet de facto, & nulleter attentatæ in eo ſtatu, in quo nunc ſunt, perpetuo, firmæ, & ſtabiles permaneant, illiſq; apoſtolicæ firmitatis robur adijcimus, ita vt non ea auctoritate, qua prius, ſed ea, quam nunc eis tribuimus factæ ab omnibus cẽſeãtur, & cum omnibus & ſingulis perſonis regni predicti, quæ in aliquo cõſanguinitatis, vel affinitatis gradu etiam multiplici, vel cognationis ſpiritualis, ſeu publicæ honeſtatis iuſticiæ impedimento de iure poſitiuo introductis, & in quibus ſanctiſſimus Dom. noſter Papa diſpenſare cõſueuit matrimonia ſciẽter, vel ignoranter de facto contraxerint, vt aliquo impedimentorũ premiſſorũ non obſtante in eorũ matrimonijs, ſic cõtractis libere, & licite remanere, ſeu illa de nouo contrahere poſſint, miſericorditer in dom. diſpenſamus, prolẽ ſuſceptã, ſuſcipiẽdam legitimã, decernentes, ita tamen vt qui ſcienter & malicioſe cõtraxerint, à ſententia excõmunicationis, & ab inceſtus, ſeu ſacrilegij reatu, abſolutionẽ a ſuo ordinario, vel curato, quibus id faciendi facultatẽ concedimus, obtineant, ac omnes Eccleſiaſticas, ſeculares, ſeu quorumuis ordinum regulares perſonas quæ aliquas impetrationis, diſpẽſationes, conceſſiones, gratias, & indulta, tam ordines, quam beneficia Eccleſiaſtica, ſeu alias ſpirituales materias pretẽſa auctoritate ſupremitatis Eccleſiæ Anglicanæ, licet nulliter & de facto obtinuerint, & ad cor reuerſæ Eccleſiæ vnitati reſtituꝛe fuerint, in ſpis ordinib. & beneficijs p nos ipſos, ſeu à nobis ad id deputatos, miſericorditer recipiemus, prout iam multæ receptæ fuerunt, ſecũq; ſuper his oportune in Dom. diſpẽſabimus, ac omnes proceſſus in quibuſuis inſtãtijs coram quibuſuis iudicibus, tam ordinarijs, quã delegatis

laicis super materijs spiritualibus habitos, & formatos, & sẽtentias super eis latas, licet nulliter, & de facto, quo ad nullitatem ex defectu iurisdictionis præfato tantum insurgentem sanamus, illosq;, & illas auctoritate apostolica confirmamus. Ac quibusuis huius regni personis, ad quarum manus bona Ecclesiastica ex quocunq; contractu, seu titulo oneroso, vel lucratiuo iam deuenerint, illaq; tenuerint, seu etiam teneant, omnes, & quoscunq; fructus ex eisdẽ bonis, licet indebite perceptos, in totum remittimus, & relaxamus, volentes, ac decernentes, ꝙ dictorum bonorum Ecclesiasticorum tam mobilium, quam immobilium possessores præfati non possint in presenti, nec in posterum, seu ꝑ consiliorum generalium, vel prouincialium dispositiones, seu decretales Romanarum pontificum Epistolas, seu aliam quamcumq; cẽsuram Ecclesiasticam in dictis bonis, seu eorundẽ possessione molestari, inquietari, vel ꝑtubari, nec eis aliquæ censuræ, vel pœnæ Ecclesiasticæ propter huiusmodi detẽtionem, seu non restitutionem irrogari, vel infligi, & sic ꝑ quoscunq; iudices, & auditores sublata eis quauis aliter iudicandi, & interpretandi facultate, & auctoritate iudicare, & diffinire debere, & quicquid secus attemptari contigerit, irritum, & inane fore decernimus, non obstantibus præmissis defectibus, & quibusuis apostolicis, ac in prouincialibus, & synodabilis consilijs editis, specialibus vel generalibus constitutionibus, & ordinationibus, cœterisq; contrarijs quibuscunq;. Admonemus tamen cum deuiso Episcopatum, & erectio cathedralium Ecclesiarum sint de maioribus causis, quæ summo pontifici sunt reseruatæ recurrendum esse ad suam sanctitatem, & ab ea suppliciter postulandum, vt hæc cõfirmare, seu de nouo facere dignetur. Et licet omnes res mobiles Ecclesiarum indistincte eis, qui eas tenent relaxauerimus, eos tamẽ admonitos esse volumus, vt aut oculos habentes diuini iudicij seueritatem contra Balthasarem regem Babylonis, qui vasa sacra non a se, sed a patre e templo ablata in prophanos vsus conuertit, ea propriis ecclesiis si extant, vel aliis restituant. Hortantes etiam, per viscera miserecordiæ Iesu Christi obtestantes eos omnes, quos hæc res tangit, vt salutis suæ non omnino immemores, hoc saltem efficiant, vt ex bonis ecclesiasticis, maxime ijs quæ ratione personatuum, & vicariatuum populi ministrorum sustentatio fuerint specialiter destinata, seu alijs cathedralibus, & alijs quæ nunc extant, inferioribus ecclesiis curam animarũ exercentibus, ita prouideatur, vt earum pastores, personæ & vicarij commode, & honeste iuxta eorum qualitatem, & statum sustentari possint, & curam animarum laudabiliter exercere, & onera incumbentia congrue supportare. Datum Lambeth prope Londinum, VVintonien Dioss. Anno natiuitatis domini Millesimo, quingentesimo, quinquagesimo quarto. Nono Cal. Ianuarij, Pontif. Sanctissimo patris, & Domini nostri, domini Iulij diuina prouidentia Papæ tertij, Anno quinto.

Reginaldus Cardinalis Polus, Legatus.

We the sayde lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, rendring most humble thanks to your

Maieſties, by whoſe interceſſion and meanes we haue obteyned the ſayde diſpenſations of the Popes holineſſe by the ſayd moſt reuerende father in God his legate, moſt humbly beſeecheth the ſame, that it may be ordeyned as foloweth.

And therfore be it enacted by the auctoritie of this preſent parliament, that al and ſynguler articles & clauſes conteyned in the ſayd diſpenſation, as well touchyng the eſtabliſhment of Biſhoprikes, & Cathedrall churches, as alſo the confyrmations of marriages in degrees prohibited by the Canons of the Churche, the legitimation of chyldren, and the ratification of proceſſe, and of ſentences in matters Eccleſiaſticall, touchyng the inualiditie of them for want of iuriſdiction, and the inſtitutions and deſtitutions, of, and in benefices and promotions Eccleſiaſticall, diſpenſations, and graces, geuen by ſuche order, as the publique lawes of the realme then approued, & al other thyngs before conteyned in the ſaid letters of diſpenſations, ſhal remayne and be reputed and taken, to al intentes and conſtructions in the lawes of this realme, lawfull, good, and effectuall to be alleaged and pleaded in all courtes Eccleſiaſticall and Temporall, for good and ſufficient matter, eyther for the playntiffe or defendaunt, without any allegation or obiection to be made againſt the validitie of them, by pretence of any general counſayle, canon, or decree to the contrary made, or to be made in that behalfe.

And whereas diuers and ſundry late Monaſteries, Priories, Commaundries, Nunneries, Deaneries, Prebendes, Colledges, Hoſpitalles, houſes of Fryers, Chauntries, and other religious and Eccleſiaſticall houſes and places, and the manours, graunges, meſſuages, landes, tenementes, rectories, tythes, pentions, portions, vicarages, Churches, Chappelles, aduouſons, nominations, patronages, annuities, rentes, reuerſions, ſeruices, and other poſſeſſions, and hereditamentes to the ſayde late Monaſteries, Priories, Nunneries, Commaundries, Deaneries, Chauntries, Prebendes, houſes of Fryers, Colleges, Hoſpitalles, and other religious and Eccleſiaſtical houſes & places, and ſundry Archbyſhoprikes, and Biſhoprikes within this realme, late appartenyng and belongyng, came as well to the handes and poſſeſſion of the layde kyng of famous memorie, Henrie the eyght, father vnto your Maieſtie, our ſayde ſouereigne ladie, by diſſolution, gyft, graunt, ſurrender, attainder, or otherwyſe, as alſo to the handes and poſſeſſions of diuers and ſundry other perſons, & bodyes politike and corporate, by ſundry meanes, conueyaunces, and aſſuraunces, according to the order of the lawes and ſtatutes of this realme.

And where alſo diuers manours, landes, tenementes, and herditaments, parcel of the poſſeſſions of Archbyſhoprikes and Biſhoprikes, and many and ſundry late Deaneries, Colleges, Chauntries, Rectories, Prebendes, free Chappelles, Guyldes, and Fraternities, Manours,

nours, houses, graunges, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, and other Ecclesiasticall possessions, and hereditamentes, goodes, and catteles to the sayde Archbyshoprikes, Byshoprikes, Deaneris, Colleges, Chauntries, free Chappelles, Rectories, Guyldes, and Fraternities late appartenyng and belongyng or appoyntyng, to, and for the fyndyng of Priestes, Obytes, lyghtes, or other lyke purpose, came as well to the handes and possession of the late noble kyng Edwarde the syxth, brother vnto your Maiesties soueraigne ladie, by vertue of an acte of parliament thereof made, or other wyse, as also to the handes & possessions of diuers & sundry other persons, and bodyes politike and corporate, by sundry meanes, conueyaunces, and assuraunces, according to the order of the lawes of this realme, a great number of which sayd late Monasteries, Priories, Nunneries, Commaundries, Deaneries, Colleges, Hospitalles, Prebendes, Chauntries, free Chappelles, Guyldes, and fraternities, and the manours, graunges, messuages, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuersions, seruices, tythes, pentions, portions, vicarages, churches, chappelles, aduoulons, nominations, patronages, annuities, & hereditaments, goodes and catteis to the sayde Monasteries, Priories, Nunneries, Commaundries, Deaneries, Colleges, Hospitalles, Chauntries, free Chappelles, Guyldes, Fraternities, and other Ecclesiastical houses, Archbyshoprikes, & Byshoprikes, belongyng, as wel for great summes of money, as for other good and reasonable cause and consyderations, haue ben conueyed and assured to diuers the subiectes and bodyes politike of this realme, as well by the sayd kyng Henrie the eight, the sayd kyng Edwarde the syxth, & by your highnesse our soueraigne ladie, & ioyntly both by your Maiesties, as also by diuers the owners of the said Ecclesiastical possessions, whiche sayde conueyaunces and assuraunces by their sundry letters patentes, and other writynges, more playnely doo and may appeare. For as much as the sayde most reuerende father hath also by the sayde dispensations, remoued and taken away all matter of impeachment, trouble, and daunger, whiche by occasion of any generall counsayle, canon, or decree Ecclesiasticall, might touche and disquiet the possessions of suche goodes moueable, landes, tenementes, possessions, and hereditamentes, as were of late belongyng to any of the sayd Archbyshoprikes, Byshoprikes, Monasteries, Priories, Nunneries, Commaundries, Deaneries, Colleges, Chauntries, Prebendes, Rectories, Hospitals, houses of Fryers, or other religious and Ecclesiastical houses and places, of what nature, name, kynde, or qualitie so euer they be of: Yet for all that the tytle of all landes, possessions, and hereditamentes in this your Maiesties realme and dominions, is grounded in the lawes, statutes, and customes of the same, and by your high iurisdiction, authoritie royall, and crowne imperiall, and in your courtes onely to be impleaded, ordered, tryed, and iudged, and none other wyse:

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and vnderſtanding, that the whole, full, and moſte gracious intentes, mind, and determination of your moſt excellent maieſties be, that all & euery perſon and perſons, bodies politike and corporate, their heyres, ſucceſſours, and aſſignes, and euery of them, ſhal haue, keepe, reteyne, and enioy al and euery their eſtates, ryghtes, poſſeſſions, & interreſtes, that they and euery of them nowe hath, or hereafter ſhall haue, of, and in all and euery the manours, graunges, meſſuages, landes, tenementes, tythes, pentions, portions, aduoulons, nominations, patronages, annuities, rentes, reuerſions, ſeruices, hundredes, wapentakes, liberties, fraunchiſes, and other the poſſeſſions and hereditamentes of the ſaide Monaſteries, Abbeyes, Priories, Nonneries, Commaundries, Deaneries, Colledges, Prebendes, Hoſpitalles, houſes of Fryers, Chauntries, Rectories, Vicareges, Churches, Chappelles, Archbyſhoprikes, and Byſhoprikes, and other religious or Eccleſiaſticall houſes and places, or of any of them within this Realme, or the dominions of the ſame, by ſuche lawes and ſtatutes as were in force before the fyrſt day of this preſent Parliament, and by other lawfull conueyaunce to them therof made.

That it may be therefore enacted by the aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, that as well your Maieſtie our ſoueraigne Ladie, your heyres and ſucceſſours, as alſo all and euery other perſon and perſons, bodyes politike and corporate, their heyres, ſucceſſours, and aſſignes, nowe hauing, or that hereafter ſhal haue, hold, or enioy any of the ſcites of the ſayde late Monaſteries, and other the religious or Eccleſiaſtical houſes or places, & all the ſayd manours, graunges, meſſuages, landes, tenementes, tythes, pentions, portions, glebelandes, aduoulons, nominations, patronages, annuities, rentes, reuerſions, ſeruices, hundredes, wapentakes, liberties, fraunchiſes, profytes, commodities, and other the poſſeſſions and hereditamentes of the ſaid late Monaſteries, Abbeyes, Priories, Nunneries, Commaundries, Deaneries, Colledges, Prebendes, Hoſpitalles, houſes of Fryers, Rectories, Vicareges, Chauntries, Churches, Chappelles, Archbiſhoprikes, Byſhoprikes, and other religious and Eccleſiaſticall houſes and places, or any of them, of what name, nature or kynde ſo euer they be, ſhall haue, holde, poſſeede, reteyne, keepe, and enioy al and euery the ſayd ſcites, manours, graunges, meſſuages, landes, tenementes, poſſeſſions, profytes, commodities, and other hereditamentes, according to ſuche interreſtes and eſtates, as they and euery of them nowe haue or holde, or hereafter ſhall haue or holde of and in the ſame by due order and courſe of the lawes and ſtatutes of this Realme, whith nowe be, or were ſtanding in force before the fyrſte day of this preſent Parliament, in maner and fourme as they ſhoulde haue doone yf this acte had neuer been had ne made: This acte, or any thyng therin conteyned to the contrary in any wiſe, notwithſtandyng.

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Sauyng to you our sayde Soueraigne Ladie, your heyres and successours, and euery of them, and to all and euery other person and persons, subiectes of this Realme, and bodyes politike and corporate, and to their heyres and successours, and to the heyres and successours of all and euery of them, other then suche whose ryght, tytle, or interest is bounded or taken away, vndone, or extinct by any act of parliament heretofore made, or otherwyse all suche ryght, tytle, clayme, possession, interestes, rentes, annuities, commodities, commons, offices, fees, leases, lyueries, lyuynges, pentions, portions, debtes, dueties, and other profytes whiche they or any of them lawfully haue, or of ryght ought to haue, or myght haue had, in, of, or to any of the premisses, or in, of, or to any part or parcell thereof, in such lyke maner, fourme, and condition, to al intentes, respectes, constructions, and purposes, as yf this act had neuer been had ne made.

And that it may be further enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and euery alticle, clause, sentence, and prouiso, conteyned or specified in any acte or actes of Parliament concernyng or touchyng the assurance or conueyaunce of any the sayde Monasteries, Priories, Nunneries, Commaundries, Deaneries, Prebendes, Colledges, Chauntries, Hospitalles houses of Fryers, Rectories, Vicareges, Churches, Chapples, Archbishoprikes, and Byshoprikes, and other religious and Ecclesiastical houses & places, or any of them, in any wyse concernyng any manours, landes, tenementes, profytes, commodities, hereditamentes, or other the thynges before specified to the sayde kyng Henrie the eyght, or kyng Edwarde the syxth, or eyther of them, or any other person or persons, or body politike or corporate, and euery of them, and al and euery writing, deede, and instrument, concernyng the assurance of any the same, shal stande, remayne, and be in as good force, effect, and strength, and shalbe pleaded and taken aduauntage of, to all intententes, constructions, & purposes, as the same should, myght, or coulde haue been by the lawes & statutes of this Realme, in case this present acte had neuer been had ne made.

And that all feoffamentes, fynes, surrenders, forfeytures, assuraunces, conueyaunces, estates, and interestes, in any wyse conueyed, had, or made to our sayde late soueraigne Lorde kyng Henrie the eight, or to our sayde late soueraigne Lorde kyng Edwarde the syxth, or eyther of them, or to any other person or persons, bodyes politike or corporate, or to any of them, by dede or dedes, act or actes, or parliament, or otherwise of any of the scites, manours, landes, tenementes, possessions, profites, cōmodities, or hereditaments of any of the said Archbyshoprikes, Byshoprikes, late Monasteries, Priories, Nuneries, Commaundries, Deaneries, houses of Fryers, Colledges, Chauntries, Hospitalles, Prebendes, free Chappelles, or of any manours, landes, tenementes, reuertions, seruices, tythes, pentions, portions, annuities, or of

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any other hereditamentes, of, by, or from any Eccleſiaſticall or Spirituall perſon or perſons, or by or from any Spirituall or Eccleſiaſtical corporation, or body politike, ſhalbe as good and auaileable in the lawe, to all intents, conſtructions, and purpoſes, as they were by the lawes and ſtatutes of this realme ſtandyng in force before the fyrſt day of this preſent parliament: And that the ſame may and ſhalbe pleaded, alleaged, and taken aduauntage of, in ſuche ſort, & to ſuch effect, as they ſhould, couſde, or myght haue been by the lawes and ſtatutes of this realme ſtandyng in force before the ſayde fyrſte day of this preſent parliament: any thing conteyned in this preſent act to the contrary in any wyſe, notwithſtandyng.

And that it may be in lyke maner enacted by aucthoritie aforeſayde, that whoſoeuer ſhall by any proceſſe obteined out of any Eccleſiaſticall court within this realme, or without, or by pretence of any Spirituall iuriſdiction, or otherwiſe, contrary to the lawes of this realme, inquiet or moleſt any perſon or perſons, or body politike, for any of the ſayd manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, or thynges aboue ſpecified, contrary to the wordes, ſentences, and meaning of this act, ſhal incurre the danger of the acte of premunire, made in the. xvi. yere of king Richarde the ſeconde, and ſhall ſuffer and incurre the forfeytures and paynes conteyned in the ſame.

Prouided alway, that it ſhall and may be lawfull to any perſon or perſons, body politike and corporate, to ſue in any competent, Eccleſiaſticall, or Spirituall court within this realme, for tythes, ryghtes, and dueties, that they or any of them ſhal pretende to haue, of, or out of any the ſaide manours, landes, tenementes, and other the premiſſes, and to haue full & perfect memorie of the ſame, in ſuche maner and fourme, as they or any of them myght, or ought to haue done, or had by the lawes and ſtatutes of this realme, before the makyng of this act, & as though this act had neuer been had or made.

And that it may be further prouided and enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſayde, that albeit the tytle or ſtyle of ſupremacie, or ſupreme head of the Church of England and of Ireland, or eyther of them, neuer was ne could be iuſtly or lawfully attributed or knowledged to any kyng or Soueraigne Gouernour of this Realme, nor in any wyſe couſde, or myght ryghtfully, iuſtly, or lawfully by any kyng or Soueraigne Gouernour of this Realme be claymed, chalenged, or vſed: Yet for as much as the ſaid title and ſtile, ſythence the thyrde day of Nouember, in the. xxvi. yeere of the raigne of the ſayde kyng Henrie the eight, hath been vſed, and is mentioned, and conteyned in diuers and ſundry wrytes, letters patentes, recordes, exemplifications, counte rolles,

les, charters, deedes, instrumentes, euidences, bookes, & writynges: It shalbe lawfull as well to and for your maiesties, and your soueraigne ladies heires and successours, as to and for euery other person and persons, and bodyes politike and corporate, at all tyme and tymes hereafter, to haue, reteyne, and keepe the sayd wrytes, letters patentes, recordes, exemplifications, court rolles, charters, deedes, instrumentes, euidences, bookes, and wrytynges, and them to shew, exhibite, vse, alleadge, and pleade, in all tymes and places requisite or needefull, without any danger, penaltie, losse, forfeyture, trouble, veration, or impeachment for the same: any thyng in this acte, or in any other acte or actes to the contrary thereof in any wise, notwithstandyng.

And where your highnesse soueraigne ladie, since your commyng to the crowne of this realme, of a good and Christian conscience omitted to wryte the sayde style of supremacie, specified in one acte made in the parliament holde at Westminster by prorogation in the xxvb. yere of the raigne of your late father kyng Henrie the eyght, as well in gyftes, graunted, letters patentes, as in commissions, and other wrytynges: and also other haue in their wrytynges doone the same, as well in your tyme, as before. And for as muche as notwithstandyng any lawe made concernyng the sayde style of supremacie, it was in the free choyse, libertie, & pleasure of the kyng of this realme, and of your hyghnes, whether ye would expresse the same in the said style or not:

Be it therefore declared & enacted by thauctoritie of this present parliament, that al graunted, letters patentes, commissions, indictmentes, recordes, and wrytynges, made in your our soueraigne ladies name, or in the names of yours soueraigne lorde and ladie, or any other wherein the saide style of supremacie is omitted, is, & shalbe to al intentes and purposes, as good and effectual, as yf the same had ben therin expressed, and may be deteyned, kept, pleaded, and alleaged, without any danger, payne, penaltie, or forfeyture to ensue to any person or persons, or body politike, for, or concernyng the omission of the same style, or any part thereof in any suche wrytynges, & that no person, ne persons shalbe impeached, molested, or damnified, for, or by reason of any suche omission.

And where in an acte of parliament made since the sayde. xx. yere of kyng Henrie theight, al bulles, dispensations, & writtinges, which were before that time obteined from the see of Rome, should be void, abolished, & extinguished, with a clause neuertheless that the matter of them, by vertue of letters patentes from the kyng then beyng, should and myght be alleadged, pleaded, and allowed, as yf the same had not been so abolished and extinguished: for as much as the sayd act is here before amongst other repealed and made voyde,

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Be it therefore enacted by aucthoritie of this preſent parliament, that all Bulles, diſpenſations, and priuileges obteyned before the ſayde.xx. yere, or at any tyme ſithence, or whiche ſhal hereafter be obteyned of the See of Rome, not conteynyng matter contrary, or preiudicial to thaucthoritie, dignitie, or preheminence royall, or imperial of the realme, or to the lawes of this realme, now being in force, and not in this parliament repealed, may be put in execution, vſed, and alleaged in any court within this realme, or els where, whether the ſame remaine yet whole, or can appeare to haue ben cancelled, in this valeable and effectual manner, to al intentes, and purpoſes, as if the ſaid act had neuer ben had or made: Any obiection by pretence of extinguiſhment, or cancellyng of the ſayde Bulles, diſpenſations, or priuileges, or of anye other matter or cauſe by the pretence of the lawes of this realme whatſoeuer, in any wyſe notwithſtandyng.

And whereas by diſſolution of monaſteries, and other religious houſes, certayne pariſhe churches and chappels, whiche were before exempt from the iuriſdiction of the Archbiſhop and Byſhop of the dioceſſe, and by ſpeciall exemption and priuilege from Rome, were vnder the gouernment and order of the Abbots and Priours of thoſe religious houſes, whiche ſayd churches by colour of the ſaid exemptions, be now of ſpecial graunt from king Henry, and king Edward, vnder the rule and gouernment and iuriſdiction of temporall and laye men, who can no more enioy that ſupremacie ouer thoſe particuler churches, then the king might ouer the whole realme:

Be it therefore enacted, that al Archbiſhoppes and Biſhoppes in theyr dioceſſe, and all other ſpirituall perſon and perſons hauyng iuriſdiction, and theyr miniſters and officers, and no laye perſon or perſons, in euery churche and place within the precincte of the ſame, beyng exempt, or not exempt, may freely and without impediment, execute theyr ſpirituall iuriſdiction in all poyntes and articles, as though no ſuch exemption or graunt had neuer ben made.

Prouided alway, and be it enacted, that this acte extende not to take away or diminiſhe the priuileges of the Vniuerſitie of Camebridge and Oxford, ne the priuileges or prerogatiues graunted heretofore to the churches of Weſtminſter and Windſor, ne the Towre of London, ne preiudicial to ſuch temporal Lordes and poſſeſſioners in this realme, as by auncient cuſtome haue enioyed probate of Teſtamentes, of theyr tenauntes or other.

And foraſmuch as after this reconciliation, and vnitie of this noble realme to the body of Chriſtes churche, it is to be truſted, that by the aboundaunce of Gods mercy and grace, deuotion ſhall encreaſe and grow in the hartes of many the ſubiectes or this realme, with deſyre to geue and beſtow theyr worldly poſſeſſions for the reſuccitating of almes, praier, and example of good life in this realme, to thintent

tent suche godly motions and purposes shoulde be aduaunced:

Be it therefore enacted by auctho*r*itie of this p*re*sent parliament, that it shalbe lawful to such as shalbe seased of any manours, lands, tenementes, p*er*sonages, tithes, pentions, po*r*tions, o*r* other hereditamentes whatsoeuer, in fee simple, in possession, reuertion, o*r* remaynder, in their owne rightes, not beyng copy holde, may thereof make feoffamentes, grauntes, o*r* any other assuraunces, o*r* by his last wyl and Testament in wrytyng, may bequeath and geue in fee symple, al and euery the said manours, landes, tenementes, p*er*sonages, tithes, pentions, po*r*tions, o*r* other hereditamentes, to any spirituall bodye politike o*r* co*r*po*r*ate, in this realme o*r* dominions of the same, nowe erected o*r* founded, o*r* hereafter to be erected o*r* founded, without any licence of mo*r*tmayne therein to be obtayned, o*r* any wryte of ad quod damnum to be sued out for the same, the acts de terris ad manum mortuam non ponendis, o*r* any other act o*r* statute heretofore had o*r* made, in any wyse not withstandyng.

Sauyng to the Lordes of the fee, al rentes, seruices, due o*r* goyng out of any of the sayd land o*r* tenementes, o*r* hereditamentes, so to be amortized, as is aforesayde.

Prouided alway, that this clause of this acte, for geuing the liberti*e* of o*r* for the amortizyng of landes o*r* tenementes, shall continue for and duryng the space of .xx. yeres next and immediatly folowing, and no lenger.

And forasmuch as we your maiesties humble and obedient subiectes, the lordes spirituall and tempo*r*all, and commons in this p*re*sent parliament assembled, neyther by the makyng o*r* delyuerying of either the supplications aforesayde, no*r* by any clause, article, o*r* sentence thereof, o*r* of any other clause, article, o*r* sentence of this o*r* any other Statute, o*r* any of the p*re*ambles of the same, made, o*r* agreed vpon in this session of this p*re*sent parliament, by any maner of interpretation, construction, implication, o*r* other wyse, intend to derogat, impayre, o*r* deminish any of the prerogatiues, liberties, fraunchises, p*re*heminences, o*r* iurisdictions of your crowne Imperiall of this realme, and other the dominions to the same belonging, we do most humbly beseche your maiesties, that it may be declared, and ordayned: And be it enacted and declared by auctho*r*itie of this p*re*sent parliament, that neither the makyng, exhibityng, o*r* insertyng in this p*re*sent statute, o*r* in the p*re*ambles of the same, of the supplications o*r* p*r*omise aforesayde, o*r* eyther of them, no*r* any other thing o*r* thinges, wordes, sentences, clauses o*r* articles in the p*re*ambles o*r* bodye of the actes aforesayde, shalbe constr ued, vnderstanded, o*r* expounded to derogate, deminishe, o*r* take away any the liberties, p*r*iuileges, prerogatiues, p*re*heminences, auctho*r*ities, o*r* iurisdictions, o*r* any part o*r* parcel therof, which were in your imperial crowne of this realme,

or did belong to your ſayde imperiall crowne the twentie yere of the raigne of yours the Queenes maieſties moſte noble father, or any other your moſte noble progenitours, before the ſaid twentie yere, and the Popes holines, and See Apoſtoliſke, to be reſtored, and to haue and enioye ſuche aucthoritie, preheminence, and iuriſdiction, as his holynes vſed, and exerciſed, or myght lawfully haue vſed and exerciſed by aucthoritie of his ſupremacye, the ſayde twenty yere of the raigne of the kyng your father, within this your realme of Englande & other your dominions, without diminution or enlargement of the ſame, and none other: And the Eccleſiaſtical iuriſdiction of the Archbiſhoppes, Biſhoppes, and Ordinaries, to be in the ſame ſtate, for proceſſe of ſuites, puniſhment of crimes, and execution of cenſures of the churche, with knowledge of cauſes belonging to the ſame, and as large in theſe poyntes, as the ſayde iuriſdiction was the ſayde xx. yere.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſayde, that in and vpon euery ſuche gyftes and deuiſes, to be made to ſuche ſpirituall corporations, or perſons as is aforeſayde, the donor, feoffer, or diuiſor thereof, may reſerue to hym, and to his heyres for euer, a tenure in franke almayne, or a tenure by deuine ſeruice, and to haue all remedies and actions, for and vpon the ſayde gyftes or deuiſes, and tenures, in lyke maner and fourme, as was vſed before the eſtatute of weſtminſter thirde (commonly called) Quia emptoris terrarum: The ſayde eſtatute, or any other lawe or cuſtome now being to the contrary, in any wyſe notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted, that all and euerye perſon and perſons, and bodyes politike and corporate, which nowe haue, or hereafter ſhall haue any eſtate of inheritaunce, freehold, terme, or intereſt, of, in, or to any portion, pention, tithes, glebelands, or other eccleſiaſtical or ſpiritual profit, which by this acte, and letters of diſpenſation rehearſed in the ſame, be permitted and ſuffred to remayne & continue in lay mens poſſeſſions, ſhall and may haue lyke remedye for the recouery of the ſame, and euery part thereof, as they and euery of them might haue had before the fyrſte day of this preſent Parliament: any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary, in any wiſe notwithſtandyng.

An Acte for the puniſhment of trayterous wordes agaynſt the Queenes Maieſtie.

¶ The. ix. Chapter.

Forasmuch as now of late, diuers naughty, seditious, malitious, & heretical persons, not hauing the feare of god before their eyes, but in a deuilishe sort, cõtrary to the duty of their allegiance, haue cõgregated them selues together in conuenticles, in diuers and sundry prophane places within this citie of London, esteming them selues to be in the true faith, where in dede they are in errors & heresies, & out of the true trade of Christes catholike religion: & in the same places at seuerall times, vsyng their phantasticall, and scismaticall seruices, lately taken away, and abolished by auctoritie of parliament, haue of their most malitious and cankred stomakes, prayed agaynst the Queenes maiestie, that God would turne her hart from idolatrie to the true fayth, or els to shorten her dayes, or take her quicklye out of the waye: which prayer was neuer hearde nor read to haue beene vsed by any good Christian manne, agaynst anye Prince, though he were a pagan and infidell, and much lesse agaynst any christian Prince, and especially so vertuous a princes, as our soueraigne Ladye that nowe is knowen to be, whose fayth is and alwayes hath ben moste true and Catholique, and consonant and agreeing with Christes Catholique Churche, throughout the worlde dispersed.

For reformation whereof, be it enacted by thauctoritie of this present parliament, that euery such person and persons, which since the beginnyng of this present parliament, haue by expresse wordes and sayinges, prayed, required, or desyred as is aforesayde, or hereafter shall pray by expresse wordes or sayinges, that God woulde shorten her dayes, or take her out of the waye (whose life almightie God long preserue) or any such like malicious prayer, amountyng to the same effect, theyr procurers and abbettours therein, shalbe taken, reputed, and iudged traytours: and euery suche prayying, requiryng, or desyring, shalbe iudged, taken, and reputed high treason, and the offendours therein, theyr procurers and abettours, being thereof lawfully conuicte accordyng to the lawes of this Realme, shall haue, suffer, and forfeyte, as in cases of high treason.

Prouided alway, and be it enacted, that yf anye person or persons shalbe indicted of anye the offences aforesayde, done and perpetrated duryng this session of this present parliament, and vpon his or theyr arraignment, shall shewe hym or them selues penitent for theyr offence, and submit hym or them selues to the kyng and queenes mercy, and humbly desire the same, before such iustices, or commissioners, before whom he or they shalbe arraigned: that then no iudgement, or conuiction, or attainder of treason shalbe geuen agaynst anye suche person or persons, so beyng penitent, and submitting them selues as is aforesayd. And in euery such case, the Justices, or commissioners

before whom such person or persons shalbe arraigned, shall haue authoritie by vertue of this act, to prescribe, adiudge, and appoynt such corporal punishment, other then death, to such offender & offenders, as to them by their discretion shall seeme conuenient, and vpon that penaunce prescribed and done, to be discharged of the sayde treason, comprised in that inditement.

An Acte whereby certayne offences be made treason, and also for the gouernment of the Kynges and Queenes Maiesties issue.

The. x. Chapter.

FOrasmuch as the great mercie and clemency heretofore declared by the Queenes highnes, in releasynge the penall lawes made by her progenitours, hath geuen occasion to many cankard and traiterous hartes, to imagin, practise, & attempt things, stirring the people to disobedience, and rebellion against her highnes common policie, and duetie of subiectes, require that some lawe be eftsons established, to restrayne the malice of such wicked and euyll doers, whereby they may be prohibited to blowe abroade such shamefull slaunders and lyes, as they dayly inuent & imagine of her highnes, and the kynges maiestie her most lawful husband, which when they be heard, can not be but odible, and detested of all good men, consydering they touche their Maiesties, vpon whom dependeth the whole vnitie, and vniuersall wealth of this realme.

In consyderation wherof, be it ordeyned and enacted by the kyng and the queenes maiesties, wyth thassent of the Lordes spiritual and temporal, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that yf any person or persons after the first day of Februarye next to come, during the mariage betwene the king & the queenes maiesties, do compasse or imagine to deprine the kings maiestie that nowe is, from the hauing and enioying iointly togeather with the queenes highnes, the stile, honour, and kynglye name of the realmes and dominions vnto our saide soueraigne Lady the Queenes highnes apperteyning, or to destroy the king that nowe is, during the saide matrimonie, or to destroy the Queenes maiestie that nowe is, or the heyres of her body begotten, being Kynges or Queenes of this Realme, or to leuye warre within this Realme of Englande, or within any of the marches of the same, agaynst the kynges maiestie that nowe is, during the saide mariage, or against the queenes maiestie that nowe is, or any of her saide heires, being kinges or queenes of this Realme, or to depose the Queenes maiestie

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that nowe is, or the heyres of her bodye begotten, beyng kynges or queenes of this realme, from the Imperiall crowne of the Realmes and dominions aboue said. And the same cõpasses, or imaginations, or any of them, malitiously, aduisedly, and directly, shall, or do vtter by open preaching, expresse woordes, or sayinges, or yf any person or persons after the sayd fyrst day of Februarye, by preaching, expresse woordes or sayinges, shall malitiously, aduisedly, and directly, say, publyshe, declare, maintaine, or holde opinion, that the kynges Maiestie that now is, during the said matrimonie, ought not to haue or enioy ioyntly together with the queenes Maiestie, the style, honour, and kyngly name of this realme, or that any person or persons, being neither the kyng or the queenes Maiesties that nowe are, duryng the sayde matrimony betwene them, ought to haue or enioy the style, honour, and kyngly name of this realme, or that the queenes Maiestie that nowe is, during her lyfe, is not, or of ryght ought not to be queene of this realme, or after her death, that the heyres of her bigbnes body beyng kynges or queenes of this realme, of right ought not to be kinges or queenes of this realme, or to haue and enioy the same: or that any person or persons, other then the queenes Maiestie that now is, during her life, ought to be queene of this realme, or after her death other then the heyres of her bodye beyng kynges or queenes of this realme, as long as any of her sayd heyres of her bodye begotten shalbe in life, of ryght ought to haue and enioy the imperial crowne of this realme: That then euery suche offendour, beyng thereof duely conuicted or attaynted by the lawes of this realme, their abbettours, procurers, and counsellours, and all, and euery their comfortours, knowyng the sayde offences, or any of them to be done, and beyng thereof conuicted or attainted, as is aboue sayde, for his or their such offence, shall forfeyte and lose to the queenes bigbnes, her heyres and successours, al his and their goodes and catteis, and the whole issues and profites of his or their landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, for terme of the life of euery such offendour or offendours, and also shal haue, and suffer, during his or their liues, perpetual imprisonment.

Prouided alwayes and be enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that al and euerye ecclesiasticall person, beyng conuicted or attainted in fourme aforesayd, for euery such his offence, shalbe depriued by the ordinary from his promotion spirituall or ecclesiasticall, in such lyke maner & fourme, that it shalbe lawfull for euery patron, founder, or geuer therof, to present, after suche deprivation had, some one other to the same, as though the sayde offendour or offendours were deceassed. And if any person or persons beyng hereafter conuicted, or attainted of any of the sayd offences, in fourme aforesayd committed, shal after his or their conuiction or attainder, eftsones commit, or perpe-

trate any of the ſayde offences, in forme aforeſayde: that then euerye ſuche ſeconde offence or offences, ſhalbe deemed, and adiudged hygh treaſon, and the offendour or offendours therin, theyr abettours, procurers, and counſellers, and all and euery theyr aydours and comforters, knowing the ſaid offences, or any of them to be done, being therof conuicted or attainted, according to the lawes and ſtatutes of this realme, ſhalbe iudged and deemed hygh traytors, & ſhall ſuffer paines of death, and loſe and forfeyt all theyr goods and cattels, landes and tenementes, to the queenes Maieſtie, her heyres and ſucceſſours, as in caſes of hygh treaſon by the lawes of this realme at this daye of ryght ought to be loſt and forfeyted.

And be it further enacted by the ſaid aucthoritie, that yf any perſon or perſons at any time after ỹ ſayd firſt day of Februarye next to come, duryng the ſayd mariage, compaſſe or imagine the death of the kynges maieſtie that nowe is, and the ſame malitiouſly, aduiſedly, and directly ſhall vtter and attempt by any wrytyng, pryntyng, ouert deede or acte: or yf any perſon or perſons at any tyme after the ſayd firſt day of Februarye next comming, that malitiouſly, aduiſedly, and derectly, by wryting, printing, ouert deed or act, affirme that the kings Maieſtie that nowe is, duryng the ſaid matrimonie, ought not to haue or inioy ioyntly togethers with the queenes highnes, the ſtyle, honour, and kyngly name of this realme: or that any perſon or perſons, beyng neyther the kyng or the queenes maieſtie that nowe is, during the ſaid matrimony betwene them, ought to haue and enioy the ſtyle, honour, and kingly name of this realme: or yf any perſon or perſons after the ſayde day by any wrytyng, printing, ouert deede or acte, malitiouſly, aduiſedly, and directly affirme, that the queenes Maieſtie that nowe is, duryng her lyfe is not, or ought not to be queene of this realme: or after her death, that the heires of her highnes body beyng kinges or queenes of this realme, of ryght ought not to haue and enioy the imperiall crowne of this realme: or that any perſon or perſons other then the queenes maieſtie that nowe is, duryng her lyfe, or after her death, other then the heyres of her body begotten, beyng kynges or queenes of this realme, as long as any of her ſayde heyres of her body ſhalbe in lyfe, of ryght ought to haue and enioy the imperial crowne of this realme: That then euery ſuch offence, and offenders, ſhalbe adiudged high treaſon, and the offender & offenders therin, theyr abetters, procurers and counſellers, and all and euery theyr ayders and comforters, knowing the ſayde offences, or any of them to be done, beyng therof conuicted or attainted by the lawes and ſtatutes of this realme, ſhalbe deemed and adiudged high traytors, and ſhall ſuffer paynes of death, and loſe and forfeyte al theyr goodes and cattels, landes and tenementes, to the queenes Maieſtie, her heyres and ſucceſſours, as in caſes of high treaſon, as is aboueſayde.

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And albeit, we the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, haue firme hope & confidence in the goodnes of almighty God, that lyke as he hath hytherto miraculously preserued the queenes maiestie from many great and imminent perils and daungers, euen so he will of his infinit goodnes geue her highnes strength, the rather by our continuall prayers, to passe well the daunger of deliueraunce of chylde, wherewith it hath pleased hym (to all our great comfortes) to blesse her. Yet for as much as all thynges of this worlde be vncertayne, and hauyng before our eyes the dolorous experience of the inconstant gouernment during the tyme of the raigne of the late kyng Edwarde the syxte, do playnly see the manifolde inconueniences, great daungers and perils that may ensue to this whole realme, yf forsyght be not vsed to preuent euyll chaunces, yf they should happen. For the eschewyng whereof, we the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, for & in consyderation of a most specialll trust and confidence that we haue & repose in the kynges maiestie, for and concernyng the good and politike gouernment, order, and administration of this realme, in the tyme of the young yeres of the issue or issues of her maiesties body to be borne, yf it shalbe pleasyng God to call the queenes kyghnes out of this present lyfe, duryng the tender yeres of suche issue or issues (which God forbyd) accordyng to such order and maner as hereafter in this present acte, his kyghnes most gracious pleasure is, should be declared and set forthe haue made our most humble suite by thassent of the queenes highnes, that his maiestie would vouchsafe to accept and take vpon hym the rule, order, education, and gouernment of the sayde issue or issues to be borne as is aforesaid, vpon which our suite being of his said maiestie most graciously accepted, it hath pleased his highnes not onely to declare, that lyke as for the fyrst part his maiestie verily trusteth, that almighty God, who hath hytherto preserued the queenes maiestie, to geue this realme so good an hope of certaine succession in the blood royal of ỹ same realme: will assist her highnes with his graces & benedictions to see the fruite of her body well brought forth, lyue and able to gouerne, whereof neyther al this realme, ne al the worlde besydes, should or could receaue more comfort, then his maiestie should & would. Yet if such chaunce should happen, his maiestie at our humble desires, is pleased and contented, not alonly to accept and take vpon hym the cure and charge of the education, rule, order and gouernment of such issues, as of this most happy marriage shalbe borne betwene the queenes highnes and hym: but also duryng the tyme of such gouernment, would by all wayes and meanes study, trauayle, and employ hym self to aduaunce the weale, both publike and priuate, of this realme, and dominions thereunto belonging, according to the sayde trust in his

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maieſtie repoſed, with no leſſe good wyll and affection, then yᵗ his hyghnes had bene naturally borne among vs.

In conſyderation whereof, by it enacted by the kyng and the queenes moſte excellent maieſties, by thaſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons of this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by thaucthoritie of the ſame, that yᵗ it ſhall ſo pleaſe God to call the queenes maieſtie out of this preſent lyfe, whiche God forbyd, before the iſſue of her bodye inheritable to the Crowne of this realme, yᵗ it be male, ſhall accomplyſhe the age of .xviii. yeres, or yᵗ it be female, before it ſhalbe of the age of .xv. yeres, and not maried after the age of conſent, and before the ſaid age of .xv. yeres: That then and immediatly after, and from the deceaſſe of our ſayde ſoueraigne Ladye the queene the kings maieſtie that nowe is, ſhal haue the rule, order, education and gouernment of the perſon of ſuch iſſue or iſſues, and the rule, order, & gouernment (vnder ſuch iſſue or iſſues) of this realme, and the dominions of the ſame belongyng, vntyll the ſame iſſue or iſſues, inheritable to the imperiall Crowne of this Realme, yᵗ it be male, ſhall accomplyſhe the full age of eyghteene yeres, and yᵗ it be female, vntyll ſuche iſſue female ſhall accomplyſhe the age of fifteene yeres, and be maried after the age of conſent, and before the ſayd age of fyfteene yeres, yᵗ the ſayd iſſue or iſſues, and our ſayde ſouraigne Lorde the kyng, ſhall ſo long lyue together, and that duryng and by all the time of ſuch gouernment, all and euery the actes, couenauntes, articles, and agreementes, mentioned and compriſed in the treatices and acte of parliament, and euery of them made, and concluded, for and concernyng the honorable mariage, had and conſummate betweene the kyng and queenes Maieſties, whiche on the behalfe of his maieſtie ben to be obſerued, perfourmed and kepte, ſhall after the deceaſſe of the queenes Maieſtie, duryng the tyme of the ſayd gouernment, remayne, continue, and be in as good and full force, ſtrength, and effecte, to all intentes, and purpoſes, as they were at any tyme during the ſayde maryage, or nowe ben, as yᵗ they were newly by apte wordes, termes, and ſentences, inſerted and rehearſed in this preſent acte, and newly made and enacted to ſtande, remayne, continue, and to be obſerued and kepte, duryng the time of the ſaid gouernment, and ſhalbe by his Maieſtie, duryng the ſayde tyme, enuiolablye obſerued, perfourmed, maintayned, and vpholden, in ſuche ſorte, and in as full, large, and ample maner, to all reſpectes, as they ſhoulde and ought to be, duryng the tyme of the ſayde maryage, or after: and his highneſſe, and the queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, are pleaſed and contented, that it be enacted by this preſent parliament, that nothyng ſhalbe done, permitted, or aſſented vnto by his maieſtie to the contrary.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that yᵗ any perſon

person or persons, during the tyme that our sayde soueraigne lorde the kyng that nowe is shall, and ought to haue the order, rule, education, and gouernment of such issue or issues, beyng kyng or queene of this realme, according to the order and prouision aforesayde, maliciously, abusedly, and derectly, by writing, printing, ouert deede or acte, do compasse, attempte and go about to destroye the person of our sayd soueraigne lorde, or to depryue or remoue his sayd highnes from the order, rule, education, and gouernment of the same issue or issues, beyng kyng or queene of this realme, contrary to the tenour, entent, and true meanyng of this present Acte: that then euery suche person or persons so offendyng, their procurers and abettours, beyng therof lawfully conuict or attainted by the lawes of this realm, shall be deemed and adiudged bythe Traytours; and that all and euery suche offence and offences, shalbe deemed and adiudged highe treason. And the offendour and offendours therein, their procurers, counsailours, and abettours, shal incurre the daungers, forfeitures, and penalties of high treason.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that all trials hereafter to be had, awarded, or made, for any treason, shalbe had and vsed onely, according to the due orders course of the common lawes of this realme, and not otherwyse: Saluing to euery person and persons, bodyes politike and corporate, their heyres and successours, other then the offendours, and their heyres and such person and persons as clayme to anye of their vses all suche rightes, titles, interestes, possessions, leases, rentes, reuertions, offices, and other profites, which they or any of them shall haue at the day of the committing such treasons, or at any tyme afore, in as large and ample maner, as yf this acte had neuer ben had or made.

Prouided alwayes, and be it declared and enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that concelement, or keeping secrete of any highe treason, be deemed and taken only misprision of treason, & the offenders therein to forfeyt, and suffer, as in cases of misprision of treason hath heretofore ben vsed: any thyng aboue mentioned to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that yf it shall fortune hereafter any of the peeres of this realme to be indicted of any of the offences made treason or misprision of treason, by this acte, that then the same peeres or peere, so beyng indicted, shall be put to aunswere vnto euery such indictment, before the high Steward of Englande for the tyme beyng, and to haue his and their tryall by his and their peeres, and to receaue and haue suche like iudgment vpon the same tryall of his or their peeres, or makyng open confession of the same offence, or offences, as is vsed in other cases of high treason.

And it is further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that no person

ſon or perſons ſhall in any wyſe be impeached for any of the offences abouelayd, committed only by open preaching or wordes, vnleſſe the offender or offenders be therfore indicted within fyue monethes next after the ſame open preaching or wordes: any thyng conteined in this acte to the contrary, notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſayde, that vpon the arraignment of any perſon, whych hereafter ſhall fortune to be arraigned for any treaſon mentioned in this acte, all and euery ſuch perſon & perſons, or two of them at the leaſt, as ſhal hereafter wyrte, declare, confeſſe, or depoſe any thyng or thynges againſt the perſon to be arraigned, ſhall, yf they be then lyuing, & within the realme, be brought forth in perſon before the partie arraigned, yf he require the ſame, and obiecte, and laye openly, in his hearing, what they or any of them can againſt him, for, or concerning any the treaſons conteyned in the indictement whereupon the partie ſhalbe to be araigned, vnleſſe the partie arraigned for any ſuche treaſon, ſhall wyllingly confeſſe the ſame at the time of his or their arraignement.

Prouided neuertheles, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforeſayd, that in all caſes of high treaſon, concerning coyne curraunt within this realme, or for counterfeyting the kyng or queenes ſygnet, graye ſeale, great ſeale, or ſigne manuell, ſuch matter of tryall, and none other, be obſerued and kept as heretofore hath been vſed by the common lawes of this realme: anye lawe, ſtatute, or anye other thyng or thynges to the contrary, notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that the councellours, procurers, comforters, and abbettours, for his or their firſt offece, ſhal ſuffer like punyſhment, penaltie, and forfaiture, as is conteined in this acte againſt the principall offendours for their firſt offence, and none other. And that the councellours, procurers, comforters, and abbettours, for his or theyr ſeconde offence, ſhal ſuffeyne like punyſhment, penaltie, & forfeyture, as is conteined in this acte againſt the principall offendour, or offendours for their ſecond offence, and none other.

An Acte for the punyſhment of bringing in of counterfeyte coyne of forraine Realmes, beyng curraunt within this Realme.

The xi. Chapter.

Here diuers and ſundrye coynes of golde and ſyluer of other realmes, not being of the proper coine of this realme of England, and yet by the ſufferaunce & conſent of the kyng and queene our ſoueraigne Lorde and Lady, be curraunt in payment within this realme: many yll diſpoſed perſons for theyr owne corrupte lucre

lucre and aduauntage, haue nowe of late brought into this realme, from the parties of beyonde the sea, great quantitie of forged and counterfeyte money, like to the sayde coyne of other forreyne realmes, and haue vttered the same here by marchaundising and otherwyse, to diuers of the subiectes of this realme, to their great disceyt, hurt & damage, because the sayde ill disposed persons haue perceaued and vnderstanded, that there was not, nor yet is, anye sufficient lawe or statute made or prouided for the condigne punishment of the offendours in that behalfe.

Wherefore be it enacted and establyshed by the aucthoritie of this present parliament, that yf any person or persons, after the twentieth daye of Januarie nexte commyng, shall bryng from the parties of beyonde the sea into this realme, or into any the dominions of the same, any suche falle and counterfayte coyne of money, beyng curraunt within this realme, as is aforesaid, knowing the same coyne or money to be falle and counterfaite, to the intent to vtter or make payment with the same within this realme, or any the dominions of the same, by marchaundising, or otherwise, that al and euery such person or persons, so offendyng as is aforesayde, theyr counsaylours, procurers, aydours, and abbettours in that behalfe, shalbe deemed and iudged to be offenddours in hygh treason, and shall suffer, after lawefull conuiction or attaynder therof, such paynes of death, losse and forfeyture of landes, goodes, and cattelles, as other offendours shall do in cases of high treason.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all and euery person and persons, that shall at any tyme after the sayde. xx. day of January, be accused or impeched of any of the offences conteyned and prouided for in this estatute, or of any other offence or offences, concernyng the impayring, counterfayting, or forgyng of anye coyne curraunte within this realme, shall and may be endicted, arraigned, tryed, conuicted, or attaynted, by such like euidence, and in such maner and fourme as hath ben vsed & accustomed within this realme, at anye time before the fyrst yere of the raigne of our late soueraigne lord kyng Edward the fyrst: any statute, custome, lawe, or vsage to the contrary thereof, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

An Acte for the impoundyng of distresses.

¶ The. xii. Chapter.

FOr the auoydyng of greuous vexations, exactions, troubles, and disorder in takyng of distresses, and impoundynge of cattell, be it enacted by auctoritie of this presente Parliment, that from and after the fyrst daye of Aprill nexte commyng, no distresse of cattell shalbe dry-

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ten out of the hundred, rape, wapentake, or lathe, where ſuche diſtreſſes is or ſhalbe taken, except it be to a pounde ouert within the ſayde Shyre, not aboue three miles diſtaunt from the place where the ſaid diſtreſſe is taken, and that no cattell, or other goodes diſtrayned, or taken by waye of diſtreſſe, for any maner of cauſe, at one time ſhall be impounded in ſeuerall places, wherby the owner or owners of ſuch diſtreſſe ſhalbe conſtrayned to ſue ſeuerall repleuis for the deliuerie of the ſayd diſtreſſe, ſo taken at one time, vpon paine euery perſon offendyng contrary to this acte, ſhall forfeyte to the partie greeued for euerye ſuche offences, a hundred ſhillinges, and treble damages.

And further be it enacted by aucthoritie aforeſayde, that after the ſayde fyrſt day of Aprill, no perſon or perſons ſhall take for keepyng in pound, impoundyng, or pondage of anye maner diſtreſſe, aboue the ſumme of .viii. pence for any one whole diſtreſſe, that ſhalbe ſo impoſided, and where leſſe hath ben vſed, there to take leſſe, vppon the paine of fyue pound to be payd to the partie greeued, ouer and beſides ſuche money as he ſhall take aboue the ſumme of foure pence: any vſage or preſcription to the contrary, in any wyſe not withſtandyng.

And for the more ſpedier deliuery of cattell taken by way of diſtreſſe, it is further enacted by the ſayde aucthoritie, that euery Sheriffe of Shyres, beyng no cities nor townes made Shyres, ſhall at his firſt countie day, or within two monethes nexte after he hath receaued his patent of his office of Sheriffwike, ſhall depute, appoynt, & proclayme in the Shyre towne within his Baliwike, foure deputies at the leaſt, dwelling not aboue twelue miles one diſtaunt from another, whiche ſayde deputies ſo appoynted and proclaymed, ſhall haue aucthoritie in the Sheriffes name to make repleuis and deliueraunce of ſuch diſtreſſes, in ſuch maner and forme as the Sheriffe may or ought to do, vpon payne that euery Sheriffe, for euery moneth that he ſhall lacke ſuche deputie or deputies, ſhall forfeyte for euery ſuche offence fyue pounde, the one halfe of which forfeytures ſhalbe to the kynge and queenes highnes, her heyres, and ſucceſſours, the other halfe to hym that wyl ſue for the ſame by byl, playnt, information, or action of debt, in any the kyng and queenes courtes of recorde, in whiche no eſſoigne, protection, nor wager of lawe ſhalbe admitted.

An Acte appoynting an order to Iuſtices of peace touching the baylment of priſoners

¶ The .xiii. Chapter,

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Here in the parliament holdē at Westminster, in the third yere of the raigne of the noble prynce kyng Henrie the seuenth, it was among other thynges ordeyned and enacted, that no prysoner arrested for felonie, shoulde be letten to bayle or maynepryse by any one Justice of peace, but by the whole Justices, or at least by two of them, whereof one to be of the Quorum: since the makyng of whiche estatute, one Justice of peace in the name of him selfe, and one other of the Justices his compagnion, not makyng the sayde Justice partie, nor priuie vnto the cause wherefore the prysoner shoulde be bayled, hath oftentymes by sinister labour and meanes, set at large the greatest and notablest offenders, suche as be not replyuisable by the lawes of this realme, and yet the rather to hyde their affections in that behalfe, haue signifyed the cause of their apprehension to be but only for suspisition of felonie, wherby the sayde offendours haue escaped vnpunished, and doo dayly, to the hygh displeasure of almightie God, the great peryl of the kyng and queenes true subiectes, and encouragement of all theeues and euyll doeers. For reformation whereof, be it ordeyned and enacted by the kyng and queenes maiesties, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by aucthoritie of the same, that from and after the fyrste day of Apryll next commyng, no Justice or Justices of peace, shall let to bayle or maynepryse any suche person or persons, whiche for any offence or offences by them or any of them, committed, be declared not to be repleuyshed or bayled, or be forbydden to be repleued or bayled by the estatute of Westminster prymer, made in the parliament holden in the thyrd yere of the raigne of kyng Edwarde the fyrste. And furthermore, that anye person or personnes arrested for manslaughter or felonie, or suspection of manslaughter or felonie, beyng bayleable by the lawe, shall not after the sayde fyrste day of Apryll be let to bayle or maynepryse by any Justices of peace, yf it be not in open Sessions, except it be by two Justices of peace at the least, wherof one to be of the Quorum, and the same Justices to be present togeather at the tyme of the sayde baylement or maynepryse, which baylement or maynepryse they shal certifie in writyng subscribed or signed with their owne handes, at the next general Gaole deliuerie, to be holden within the Countie where the sayde person or persons shalbe arrested or suspected: And that the sayd Justices, or one of them, beyng of the Quorum, when any suche prysoner is brought before them, for any manslaughter or felonie, before any bailment or maynepryse, shall take the examination of the sayde prysoner, and information of them that bryng hym, of the facte and circumstaunces thereof, and the same, or as muche thereof as shalbe materiall to prooue the felonie, shall put in wrytynges, before they make the same baylement, whiche sayde examination togeather with the sayde

bayleament, the sayde Justices shall certifie at the next generall goale deliuerye to be holden within the limittes of their commission, and that euery Coroner, vpon any inquisition before him founde, whereby any person or persons shalbe indicted for murder, or manslaughter, or as accessary, or accessaryes to the same, before the murder or manslaughter committed, shall put in writing the effect of the euidence geuen to the Jurie before him, being materiall: and as well the sayde Justices as the sayde Coroner, shall haue authoritie by this Acte, to bind all such by recognisaunce, or obligation, as do declare any thing materiall, to proue the saide murder or manslaughter, offences, or felonies, or to be accessarie, or accessaries to the same, as is aforesayde, to appeare at the next generall gaole delyuerie to be holden within the countie, citie, or towne corporate, where the tryal thereof shalbe, then and there to geue euidence against the partie so indicted at the tyme of his tryall, and shall certifie as well the same euidence, as suche bonde and bondes in writing, as he shal take, together with the inquisition or indicement before him taken and found, at, or before the time of his sayd tryall thereof to be had or made: And lyke wyse the sayde Justices shal certifie all and euery suche bonde taken before them, in lyke manner as before is sayde of bayleamentes & examination. And in case any Justice of peace, or Quorum, or Coroner, shal after the sayde fyrste day of April, offend in any thing contrary to the true intent and meaning of this present acte: that then the Justices of gaole deliuerie of the shyre, citie, towne, or place where suche offence shall happen to be committed, vpon due proofe thereof by examination before them, shal for euery such offence, set suche fyne vpon euery of the same Justices of peace and Coroner, as the same Justices of gaole delyuery shal thynke meete, and estreate the same, as other fynes and amerciaments assessed before Justices of gaole deliuerie ought to be.

Prouided alwayes, & be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that Justices of peace and Coroners within the citie of London, and the countie of Middlesex, & in other cities, boroughes, and Townes corporate within this realme and Wales, shall within their seuerall iurisdictions, haue authoritie to let to bayle felons & prisoners, in suche maner and fourme as they haue in heretofore accustomed: this acte, or any thyng therin contained to the contrary, notwithstandyng. And also shal take examinations and bondes, as is aforesayde, vpon euery bayliment by them, or any of them to be made, and shal certifie euery such bayleaments, bondes, & examinations, by them, or any of them taken or made, at the next gaole deliuerie to be holden within the shire, citie, borough, or towne, where their seuerall iurisdictions extendeth, vpon lyke payne and forfeyture as is before limitted in this present acte.

And be it also enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that no writers

of Habeas corpus, or Certiorari, shalbe hereafter graunted, to remoue any prisoner out of any gaole, to remoue any recognisance, except the same writtes be signed with the proper handes of the cheefe Justice, or in his absence, one of the Justices of the court, out of whiche the same writtes shalbe awarded, or made, vpon payne that he that writeth any such writtes, not beyng signed as is aforesayde, to forfeyte to our sayd soueraigne Lord the Kyng and the Queene, for euery suche writte and writtes, fiue poundes.

An Acte for the makyng of Russell sattens reuerses, and fustian of Naples, in Norwiche.

The.xiiii. Chapter.

Where of late yeres passed, russels, called russels sattens, and sattens reuerses, haue ben practised to be made beyonde the seas, of the wools bred in the countie of Norfolke, and by reason thereof, so great quantitie of the sayde russelles sattens, sattens reuerses, haue ben brought into this Realme, sold and worne as well in euerye parte of this Realme, as in the parties beyonde the seas, that thereby the mysteries of worstedes makynge and weauinge, whereby marchauntes and inhabitauntes of the citie of Norwich haue heretofore ben well mayntayned and relieued: is now at this present almost wholy decayed and brought out of estimation, and verye lytle worne, either within this realme, or in any other forrain realmes, to the great hinderaunce and decay of the sayde citye, and Citizins of the same Citie. For remedie whereof, Thomas Hartham, Maior of the citie of Norwich, John Corbet Esquier, Iustice Stewarde, Robert Leche, Robert Rugge, John Ball, and Alexander Mather, Aldermen of the sayde Citie, Thomas Whale, Thomas Pecke, Raphe Hartham, Robert Henry, John Sutton, Richarde Tomson, Citizens and Marchauntes of the sayde Citie, at theyr great costes and charges, aswel in bringing of certaine straungers from the partes beyonde the seas into the sayde citie, as also in making of Lombes, and al other prouision for the same, and also haue called vnto them eight persons of the most discrete and worthy men of the mysterie of Worstede weauing, within the sayde citie, that is to say, John Cooke, James Lin, John Crosse, Simon Petit, John Marshal, Roger Leche, Edmunde Baker, and Edmunde Seiers, being the number of .xvi. persons, which haue not only made Russells Sattens, and Sattens Reuerses, and Fustian of Naples within the said citie of Norwich of Norfolk wools, but also haue learned and taught other citezins and inhabitantes of the sayd citie to make the same, in such good and per-

fect maner, that muche better Ruſſels Sattens, Sattens reuerſes, and Fuſtian of Naples, and ſuch like, and for eaſier prices, be nowe at this preſent wrought and made within the ſaid citie, then heretofore hath bene, or nowe be made in any of the parties beyonde the ſeas, wherby the ſaid citie, and inhabitauntes thereof, may and be in like agayne to be relieued and brought to the olde eſtate, to the great aduauncement of the commodities of this realme, and enriching the ſame, yf ſome good and politike lawes and ordinaunces were made for the good continaunce of the true makyng of the ſayde Ruſſelles Sattens, Sattens Reuerſes, and Fuſtian of Naples, and ſuch lyke.

In conſyderation whereof, be it enacted by the aſſente of the kyng and queenes highnes, the Lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons of this preſent Parliament aſſembled, & by thauctoritie of the ſame, that the ſayd Ruſſels ſattens, & Sattens reuerſes, and fuſtian of Naples, hereafter to be made only within the ſayde citie, may from henceforth beare the name, & be called by the name of Norwich ſattens, and Norwich Fuſtians: and that the Maior, and the afore mentioned citizins of the ſame citie, whith before this tyme hath ben at the coſtes and charges of the bryngyng of the ſayde ſtraungers into the ſame citie, for the making of ỹ ſaide Ruſſels ſattens, ſattens reuerſes, and fuſtian of Naples, and ſuche the afore menttoned eyght perſons that they haue called vnto them, ſhalbe a felowſhip of thẽ ſelues, and ſhall yerelye the third day of February, chooſe of theyr felowes foure wardens within the guilde hall of the ſayde citie, or anye other common and conuenient place in the ſame Citie: and the ſame wardens ſo beyng choſen, ſhall ſtande and be wardens of the ſame felowſhip duryng one whole yere next enſuyng the ſayd election, and that the ſame wardens, after the ſayde election, ſhall come before the Maior of the ſayd citie for the tyme beyng, yerely the Munday next after the ſayde thirde day of Februarie, and before the ſayde Maior ſhalbe ſworne diligently to vieue, ſearche, & ſee al the Ruſſels ſattens, Sattens reuerſes, and fuſtian of Naples, then made, or that ſhall be made within the ſayde citie, duryng the ſayde yere. And ſuch of the ſayde Ruſſels ſattẽs, Sattens reuerſes, & fuſtian of Naples, as ſhal appeare and be demed by them to be lawfully, truely, & workmanly wrought, ſhall ſeale with a ſeale of lead, bearyng the armes of the Citie of Norwich, whereby it may be knowen to the marchaunt or buyer of them, that the ſame be allowed, and truely made.

And that alſo it may be enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that the ſayd wardens and felowſhippe ſhalbe a bodye corporate, and to be named, and be enabled by this act, to ſue, and be ſued, and to geue, and to take by the name of wardens and felowſhippe of the myſterye of Ruſſels ſattẽs, Sattens reuerſes, and fuſtian of Norwich making within the ſayde Citie of Norwich. And yf any default at anye tyme

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shalbe found in any of the sayd Russels sattens, sattens reuerses, & fus-
tian of Norwich, or in any of them, by the sayde wardens, that the
same default shalbe reformed, and the offendour or offendours there-
in to be punished accordyng to such rules and ordinaunces, as hereaf-
ter from time to time shalbe made within the sayd citie, by the Maior
of the sayde citie for the tyme beyng, and by the sayde foure wardens,
and the felowship of the sayde occupation or mysterie, or the greatest
number of the sayde felowshippe, for, and concernyng the same, and
that the same defaultes from time to tyme, as occasion shal serue, shal
be enquired of, and tryed, for the Maior of the sayde Citie of Nor-
wiche for the tyme beyng, by the othes of twelue honeste men of
the forsayde felowshyp. And that the sayde foure wardens so cho-
sen and sworne, shall haue full power and authoritie, to do, execute,
present, and reforme all and singuler thing and thinges, of, for, and
concernyng the sayde mystery, makyng, worhyng and occupying of
the sayd Russels sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustian of Norwich with-
in the sayd citie, in such maner and fourme as in or by the sayde ordi-
naunces shalbe expressed and declared, and that all times hereafter,
and from time to tyme, it shalbe lawfull to the Maior of the saide citie
for the tyme beyng, and to the forenamed felowshyppe and wardens
of the same mysterie, and the more part of them, & to their successours,
to make and ordeine from time to time, rules, lawes, and ordinaunces,
meete and necessary for the good order and gouernaunces of the sayde
mysterie, and for the true and wel making of the sayd Russels sattens,
sattens reuerses, and fustian of Norwiche, and the same ordinaunces
so made, to be at al tymes obeyed by al thinhabitauntes of the sayd ci-
tie, or suburbes of the same, and to be put in due execution by the sayd
Maior and wardens, and their successours for the time beyng, in such
maner and forme as by the sayde ordinaunce shalbe ordeyned and de-
clared. And that such as now be, & that hereafter shalbe makers of the
said Russels sattens, sattens reuerses, and fustian of Norwich, & euery
of them, within the said citie, shal not from henceforth occupy the said
mystery & making of the said russels sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustian
of Norwich, nor any of them, within the saide citie, by them selues, or
by any other, before he or they, occupying the sayde mysterie within
the sayd citie, be made free of the sayd citie, and admitted to be of the
sayd felowship by the Maior of the said citie, and wardens and felow-
shippe of the sayd mysterie for the tyme beyng. And that no person do
occuppe by him selfe or any other for hym out of the sayde citie, the
sayde mystery of makyng of Russels sattens, sattens reuerses, and
fustians of Naples, or any of them, before he or they so occupying
the same, haue been prentyce to the sayde mysterie by the terme of
seuen yeres, or els admitted by the sayde Maior and felowshyp,
or the more part of them, vppon payne of forfeyture of the same

ruſſels ſattens, ſattens reuerſes, fuſtian of Norwiche, by them, or any of them to be made contrary to the ſourme of this Act. Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforeſayde, that the ſayde Maior and wardens for the time being, ſhall not take any ſumme of money, or reward to their owne proper vſes, for the admitting of any perſon or perſons to occuppy the ſaid myſtery, vpon paine of forfeiture of treble the value of the reward or ſumme of money ſo by them or any of them to be taken.

Prouided alſo, that it ſhalbe lawfull to the ſayde wardens, and to euery of them for the time beyng, by alwayes and meanes, & at all lawful times, diligently from time to time, to make ſearch by due ordinary wayes, for al maner of the ſayd ruſſels ſattens, ſattens reuerſes, and fuſtian of Norwich, that ſhall happen to be found by them defectiue, for lacke of good and true workmanſhip. And that it ſhalbe lawful to the ſayd wardens and euery of them for the time beyng, by vertue of this act, to ceaſe and take the ſaid ruſſels ſattens, ſattens reuerſes, and fuſtian, and bring and preſent the ſame clothes ſo ſealed & taken to the Maior of the ſayd citie for the time being, & vnto his ſucceſſors, to the intent that twelue honeſt, lawful, & expert men of the ſaid myſterie and felowſhyp, beyng ſworne before the ſayd Maior, may by vertue of theyr othes, make enquiry, & preſent the manner of the ſayd defaultes before the ſayd Maior for the tyme beyng, according to ſuch good and wholſome ordinances & rules as ſhalbe ordeyned and made for the conſeruation and good continuaunce of the ſayde occupation and myſtery, & the true making & working of the ſaid ruſſels ſattens, ſattens reuerſes, and fuſtian of Norwich. And that all & euery perſon and perſons, that ſhal occupy, vſe, and exercile the ſaid myſtery of making of the ſaid ruſſels ſattens, ſattens reuerſes, and fuſtians of Norwich, or any of them, contrary to the ſourme, tenor, playne meanyng, and intent of this act, and of the rules & ordinances, that at any tyme hereafter by auctoritie of this acte ſhalbe ordeyned and made for the continuaunce of true and perfect making of the ſayde ruſſels ſattens, ſattens reuerſes, and fuſtian of Norwich, ſhal forfeite and loſe for euery time ſo offending, or making any ruſſels ſattens, ſattens reuerſes, and fuſtian of Norwiche, contrary to the meaning, tenor, and effecte of the ſaide acte, rules, and ordinaunces concernyng the ſame, ſuche fines, amerciaments, and paynes, as ſhalbe adiudged, aſſeſſed, and aſſered by twelue expert men of the ſayd ſelowſhip vpon their othes, the ſame twelue perſons to be ſworne before the ſaid Maior and wardens to enquire and make true verdict, and preſenment of ſuch defaultes, the one halfe of which forfeyture to be to the Maior of the ſayde citie for the time being, & his ſucceſſors, & thother moity to the ſayde wardens for the time beyng, & theyr ſucceſſors, by action of debt, bil, plaint, or informatiõ, in any court of record, in which action, bil, plaint, or in-

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formation, no wager of lawe, protection, inuention, or forren Ple, shal be allowed. And in case it shall fortune hereafter, that any of the sayde Russels sattens, sattens reuerses, and sustian of Norwich, shal lacke of such lengthes and bredthes, or of the true and ensuing, makyng or forting of the yarne, as shalbe appoynted and setforth by the sayd rules & ordinaunces, and the same to be found defectiue by verdict of twelue men of the sayd felowship before the sayd Maior & wardens, and theyr successors: That then the sayd russels sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustians of Naples, and euery of them so found defectiue, to be cut in two peeces, and to pay such fine or fines as shalbe offred and assered by the sayde twelue experte men by vertue of their othes, the one moitie of which fine or fines to be to the Maior of the sayd citie for the time being, and to his successors, and the other moitie to the wardens of the sayd felowship for the tyme beyng, and to their successours.

Prouided alwayes and be it further euacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that yf any warden or wardens for the time beyng, of the sayde mysterie or occupation of makyng Russels sattens, sattens reuerses, and fustian of Naples, shall at any tyme hereafter seale, or cause to be sealed any russels sattens, sattens reuerses, or fustian of Naples, that shal not be wel, sufficient, and truely wrought, and made according to the true intent and meaning of this present act, shal forfeyte & lose for euery peece so sealed, beyng not wel, sufficient, and truely wrought & made, the whole value of euery such peece so sealed, thone half of whiche forfeytures, to be to the kyng and queenes maiesties, her heires and successors, and thother moity thereof to be to such person and persons as shall sue for the same, by byl, action, or information, in any of the kynges courtes of record: in which byl, action, or information, no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe allowed.

An Acte to confirme the liberties of the lord Marchers in VVales.

The.xv.Chapter.

Humbly beseching your excellent maiesties, your true and faythfull subiectes, the lorde Marchers both spirituall and temporall, within your hyghnesse dominion of Wales, that where as in the parliament holden at Westm. the. xxvii. yere of the raigne of kyng Henry the eyght, father vnto you our naturall Soueraigne lady, amongst other thynges one acte was made and established for lawes an iustice to be ministred in the sayd dominion of Wales, in lyke fourme as it is in this realme of Englande, in the which act one article is, that for that the lords Marchers before the parliament, had vsed to put theyr tenauntes

tes within the lordeshyps Marchers vnder common maineprice and suertie of apparaunce, and haue had the forfeitures thereof, which for euer from and after the feast of al saintes, then next ensuyng the sayd parliament, shoulde vtterly ceasse, and be determined. It was enacted that after the sayde feast of al saintes, euery lay and temporall person then beyng a lorde Marcher, shoulde haue the moitie or halfe of euery forseyture of all and euery common maineprice, recognisance for ye peace or apparaunce, forfeyted by any of theyr tenauntes inhabityng within any of theyr lordshyps marchers, and they to be payd the same moitie or halfe by the handes of the Sheriffe of euery of the counties where such forseyture shalbe, yf the Sheriffe can leuy the same, & the same Sheriffe to accompt to our sayde late soueraigne lorde the kyng for the other halfe or moitie, in such excheker as they can be accomptant. And further it was enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that all and euery lay and temporal person or persons, then beyng lords marchers, and hauing any lordships marchers, or lordships royal, shoulde from and after the sayde feast of all saintes, haue all suche myses and profites of theyr tenauntes, as they haue had or vsed to haue at the first entry into theyr landes in tymes past; and also should haue, hold, and kepe, within the precincte of theyr lordshippes, courtes Baron, courtes lete, and lawdayes, and al and euery thing to the said courtes belonging, and also should haue within the precinct of theyr said lordships or lawday, waif, strait, infangthefe, outfangthefe, treasure trouie, deodandes, goodes and cattels of fellons, and of persons condemned or outlawed of fellony or murther, put in exigent for fellonye or murther, and also wreeke deemer, warfage, and customes of straungers, as they haue had in tyme past, as though such priuileges, graunted vnto them by poynt of charter, any thing in that acte to the contrary notwithstandyng, as in the sayde acte of parliament more at large it may appeare.

And forasmuch as byshops, and other ecclesiasticall persons, beyng lordes marchers, hauing the like liberties, casualties, profites, and commodities within theyr lordships marchers, and lordshyps royall, within the said dominion or principalitie of Wales, were not prouided by the expresse letter of the sayde statute, in lyke sorte as the laye and temporall lordes marchers were, but rather of purpose as it shoulde seme forgotten and left out of the said acte, agaynst al reason and good equitie. And forasmuch also as the heyres and successours of the laye and temporall lordes marchers then beyng, were not prouided for by the limitation and expresse wordes of the sayde acte, as well as theyr auncesters & predecessers were, as reason would they should haue ben:

It may please your maiesties, of your most gratious fauour and benignitie, at the humble suite and supplication of your sayd faythful subiectes, the lords marchers that now are, in the sayd dominion of

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Wales, both ſpirituall & temporall, to graunt that it may by thaſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and temporal, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, be ordeyned, eſtabliſhed, and enacted, by thauctoritie of this preſent parliament, that aſwell your ſayd ſpirituall, & eccleſiaſtical ſubiectes, lordes marchers, nowe hauing lordſhyppes marchers, or lordſhipes royal in Wales aforſaid, and theyr ſucceſſours, and the ſucceſſours of euery of them: as alſo the heyres & ſucceſſours of the lordes temporall marchers that then were, or nowe be, and the heyres or ſucceſſours of euery of them beyng, or which hereafter ſhall be lordes marchers within theyr lordſhyps marchers, and lordſhips royall in the dominion or principalitie of Wales, ſhall haue and enioy to them, and to theyr heires & ſucceſſors, reſpectiuely and ſeuerally for euer, the moity & halfe of euery forfeiture, of al & euery common mainpriſe, recognisance for the peace, or apparaunce, forfeited by any theyr tenantes inhabiting within any of theyr lordſhipes marchers, or lordſhips royal, and they to be payd the ſame moity or half, by the handes of the ſheryffe of the county, for the time being, after ſuch fourme and ſort as the ſayde lay or temporall lordes marchers haue ben or ought to haue ben payd the ſame, by force of the ſayde Statute.

And further, ſhall haue all ſuch miſes, & profites of their tenantes, as the lordes marchers, ſpirituall or temporall, reſpectiuely or ſeuerally had or vſed to haue at theyr firſt entry into their landes in tymes paſt before the makyng of the ſayd acte or ſtatute. And alſo ſhal haue, hold, and kepe within the precinct of their ſaid lordſhips, al ſuch courtes baron, courtes lete, and lawdaies, and all and euery thing and thynges to the ſame courtes belongyng: and alſo ſhal haue within the precinct of theyr ſayd ſeuerall lordſhips, or lawdayes, all ſuch wayf, ſtraif, infangthefe, outfangthefe, treaſure trouues, deodandes, goodes, and cattels of fellons, and of perſons condempned, or outlawed of felony or murther, put in exigent for fellony or murther, & alſo al ſuch wrecke de mere, warſage, and cuſtomes of ſtraungers, as the lordes marchers ſpirituall and temporall, reſpectiuely, and ſeuerally had and vſed in times paſt, before the makyng of the ſayde ſtatute.

An Acte for the continuaunce of certaine Statutes.

The. xvi. Chapter.

Where in the parliament begun & holden at London the iii. day of Nouember, in the. xri. yere of the raigne of our moſt dread ſoueraigne lord of moſt famous memory, kyng Henry theyght, and from thence adiourned to Weſtm. and there holden and continued by diuers prorogations vnto the diſſolutions thereof, one acte was made and eſtabliſhed for the reſtraint of cariage, and conueying of horſes and mares out of this realme,

realme, and alſo one acte was there made for the true wyndyng of wols, and one other act was there made to reſtrayne killing of wayn-linges, bullocks, ſteres, & heifers, being vnder thage of. ii. yeres, which ſayd ſeueral actes were then made to endure and continue to the next parliament, as by the ſayd ſeueral actes more playnly appeareth: and where alſo in the ſaid parliamēt, one other act was made & eſtabliſhed for attaintes to be ſued for the puniſhment of periury, vpon vntrue verdites, which actes laſt before reherſed, were then made & ordeyned to continue and endure to the laſt day of the next parliament, as by the ſame acte more playnly at large is ſhewed and may appeare: and where alſo in the parliament begon and holden at weſt. the. viii. day of June in the. xxviii. yere of the raigne of our ſayde moſt dread ſoueraigne lorde kyng Henry the. viii. and there continued and kept vnto the diſſolution therof, it was ordeined and enacted, that all and ſinguler the ſayde actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, ſhould continue and endure in theyr force and ſtrength, and alſo be obſerued and kept, vntyl the laſt day of the next parliament, as by the ſame acte amongs other thinges therein conteined more plainly appeareth: and where alſo in the parliament begon and holden at weſt. the. xxviii. day of Apryll, in the. xxxi. yere of the raigne of our ſayd late moſt dread ſoueraigne lorde kyng Henry theight, and there continued vntyll the xxviii. day of June then next folowyng, it was ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritie of the ſame parliament, that all and ſinguler the ſaid ſeuerall actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, and all clauſes, articles, and prouiſions in them and euery of them conteined, ſhould continue and endure in their force and ſtrength, and alſo be obſerued and kept, vntyll the laſt day of the next parliament, as by the ſame act amonges other thynges therein conteined, more playnely appeareth: And where in the parliament holden at weſtm. in the. xxxv. yere of the raigne of our ſayd late ſoueraigne lord kyng Henry the eyght, one act was made for the preſeruation of woods, to endure for. vii. yeres then next folowing, and from thence to thend of the next parliament, as by the ſame act more playnly doth and may appeare: and where alſo at the parliament holden at weſtm. in the. xxxvii. yere of the raigne of the ſayde kyng Henry theyght, and there continued and kept vntyll the diſſolution thereof, it was ordeined and enacted, that al and ſinguler the ſayd actes aboue mentioned, and euery of them, except the ſayd acte made for the preſeruation of woods, as is aforeſayd, ſhould continue and endure in theyr force & ſtrength, and alſo to be obſerued and kept vntyll the laſt day of the next parliament then folowyng, as by the ſame act amongs other things therein conteined more plainly appereth: and where alſo at the ſeſſion of the parliament ended at weſt. in the. xiiii. day of March, in the third yere of the raigne of our ſoueraigne lord king Edward the firſt, one acte was made of the true curryng of leather, which act was made to endure to thende of the next

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parliament, as by the same acte more playnely appeareth. And where also at the session of a parliament ended at Westminster the fyrst day of Februarie, in the fourth yere of the raigne of our sayd late soueraigne lord kyng Edward the vi. one act was then & there made, concernyng the buying of other beastes: and also one other acte was then and there made, touchyng the buying and selling of butter & cheese, which said seuerall acts were then and there made to endure and continue to the ende of the next parliament, as by the same seuerall actes more at large it doeth & may appeare. And where also at the session of a parliament by prorogation holden at Westminster, the .xviii. day of Januarie, in the v. yere of the raigne of our said soueraigne lord, one other act was then and there made against regratours & forestallers, to endure to thend of the next parliament, which al & synguler the sayde actes aboue mentioned, togeather with the sayd act concerning the preseruation of woodes, at a parliament holden at Westminster the fyrst day of March in the .vii. yere of the raigne of our sayd soueraigne lorde kyng Edward the vi. and there continued & dissolued the last day of the same moneth of Marche, and all clauses, articles, and prouisions in them and euery of them conteyned, were there reuyued & continued to stand in their force and strength vntyll the last day of the nexte parliament: And where also at the session of a parliament holden by prorogation at Westminster, the .xviii. day of October, in the fyrst yere of the raigne of our most gracious soueraigne lady the queene, and there continued and kept vntyll the dissolution thereof, one acte was there made and established, against vnlawful and rebellious assemblies, to endure to the ende of the next parliament, as by the same act more playnly doth and may appeare: And where also at the same session of parliament last before mentioned, al and singuler the actes aboue mentioned, and before that tyme contynued at sundry parliamentes, as is afore sayde, & all clauses, articles, and prouisions in them and euery of them conteyned, were there reuiued & continued to stande in their force & strength vnto the last day of the next parliament. For as muche as al and singuler the sayde seuerall actes aboue mentioned, be good and beneficial for the common wealth of this realme: Be it therefore enacted, ordeyned, and established by the kyng and quene our soueraigne lorde and ladie, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that all and singuler the seueral actes and statutes aboue mentioned and rehearsed, and euery of them, and al clauses, artycles, and prouisions in them and euery of them conteyned, shalbe reuiued, continued, stande, and endure in their force and strength, to al intentes, constructions, and purposes, and shalbe obserued and kept in all thynges, vntyl the last day of the next parliament.

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An acte touchyng leases hereafter to be made by certayne spirituall persons.

The. xviii. Chapter.

WHere in the Parliament begunne and holden at Westminster the. viii. day of June. in the. xxviii. yere of the raigne of our late lyng of famous memorie, lyng Henrie the. viii. and there continued and kept untyl the dissolution of the same parliament. the. xviii. day of June next folowyng, one acte entituled, An acte for restitution of the fyrst fruites in the tyme of vacation to the next incumbent, was had and made, wherein are certayne clauses for leases thē made, and to be made by spirituall and ecclesiasticall persons, to endure and be in force for terme of fyre yeres, if the incumbentes dyd resigne their sayde spirituall promotions, or yf the same shoulde otherwyse become voyde by the onely act of the same the incumbentes, as by the same act more at large may appeare. To the intent the persons and vicars, and other havyng cure of soules, may the better attende, and be the more vigilant in their ministerie and function: Be it enacted by the lyng our soveraigne lorde, and by the queene our soveraigne ladie, with the assentes of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that as muche of the same acte as doeth concerne the makyng good of the sayd leases, ne any clause, sentence, provision, or article therin conteyned, shal extende, or be construed or adiudged to extend to any lease that shalbe made by any Parson, vicar, or any other havyng any spirituall promotion, after the feast of the Purification of our ladie next commyng.

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